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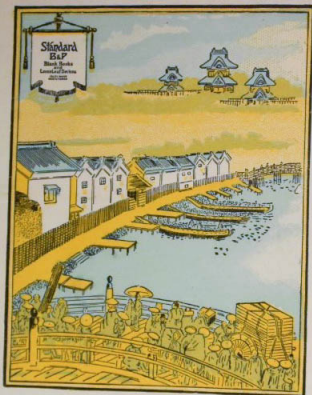
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November 11, 1930

Mr. E. J. Metcalf,
Monett, Missouri. 209 - 3th Street.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your note of the 7th instant and accompanying consignment of sand, I have to advise that the Mint is not equipped to make analyses of such material but an examination of your sand does not indicate that it contains any values.

Should you desire to have an assay made, however, reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount, payable to that office, to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the sample which you have forwarded here, kindly send me the necessary postage.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 11, 1930

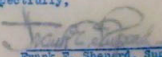
Dr. R. J. Stapleton,
Tomahawk Building,
Green River, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of recent date forwarding for your patient, Miss Louise Renner, a small bridge, weighing upon receipt here 24/100 of a troy ounce, and regret to advise that the Mint cannot purchase this small amount of gold as the regulations require that deposits to be acceptable for purchase must have a value of at least \$100.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance the above bridge will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ON:T

November 12, 1930

Dr. W. M. Storey,
Fourth Floor - First Central Building,
Madison, Wisconsin.

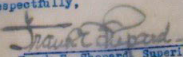
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a package from you valued at \$40.00 with a small bridge enclosed weighing $34/100$ of a troy ounce which I presume is to be added to a consignment which I am now holding for your account and which does not appear to contain \$100.00 and has therefore not been entered upon our books.

As the small amount of gold contained in this bridge would add so little to the value of your shipment, I would suggest that you send at least one ounce of good gold for addition thereto in order that it will have the amount required by the Mint regulations.

Please advise me promptly.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 12, 1930

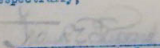
Mr. S. Alzofon,
1003 Metropolitan Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment with your card enclosed but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto which is necessary before deposits can be entered upon our books and paid for.

Please advise me concerning this deposit at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 12, 1930

Ft. Worth Smelting & Refining Company,
1318-20 Arcade Place,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letters of the 10th instant forwarding some additional gold and silver for addition to one of your prior shipments.

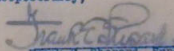
In this connection I have to advise that all shipments being held for your account were combined and payment made you recently therefor which I have no doubt you have now received.

As I am in doubt if this last consignment will contain the required value, I would suggest that it be held for addition to your next shipment or that you send some additional material to be added thereto in order that there may be no doubt as to its having the required value.

Trusting this action will be satisfactory to you,

I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 13, 1930

Mr. E. A. Fletcher,
DE Queen, Arkansas.

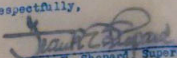
Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 10th instant and accompanying specimens of ore and have to advise that while these specimens are apparently rich in gold the Mint does not accept deposits having a value less than \$100.00 nor in the form of ore.

If you have a deposit of this material, which I believe would be very valuable, I would suggest that you send a sample to the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, which will advise you of its gold content at a charge of \$1.00 for each sample - the Mint not being equipped to do work of this kind. A money order for the proper amount payable to that office should accompany your sample.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance the two pieces of ore which you have forwarded here will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

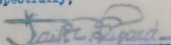
November 14, 1930

Mr. Orville Kenney,
Sedgewick, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant,
I have to advise that the Mint does not deal in old coins
and I therefore have no information as to the exchange
value, if any, on the Indian head pennies. I may say,
however, that the Government never pays a premium on any
of its coins.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 14, 1930

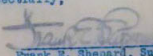
The Capital Dental Laboratory,
Attention: Mr. George E. Sulser,
207 Federal Bank & Trust Building,
Little Rock, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your request I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using the 30¢ in postage enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	41¢
Insurance	10¢
Stamps returned	15¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

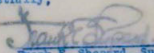
November 14, 1930

Norman Jewelry Company,
Pierce Street at Fifth,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a consignment with your letter head enclosed but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining to this shipment. As such letter is necessary before your deposit can be entered in our books and paid for, I have to request that you will write me promptly concerning this consignment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:F

November 15, 1930

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Mr. Dean D. Clark, Commercial Manager,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

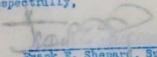
I have for acknowledgment your letter of the 13th instant in reference to your survey of the telephone equipment at this building and have noted particularly your statements regarding the Holzer-Cabot board which is used for an intercommunicating system in addition to the cordless board which is furnished by the Telephone Company.

Answering your criticism in paragraphs 4 and 5 relative to the Holzer-Cabot board, which you state renders poor service arrangement as incoming calls from the Telephone Company's central office cannot be distributed to the station lines of this system which makes it necessary for the party called to go to a station which is connected with the Telephone Company for the completion of the call and is therefore an undesirable service arrangement, I have to say that owing to the character of the work performed at the Mint it is not at all desirable that outside telephone calls should be received in or transmitted from the various operating rooms to which are con-

nected the lines from the Holzer-Cabot board and it was for the purpose of preventing such calls that the two switchboards were originally installed.

I realize that the Holzer-Cabot board is out of date but at the present time do not see how a better arrangement can be provided.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 15, 1930

Mr. Sam L. Blackburn,
Egypt, Texas. Box 64

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant regarding assay of ore, I have to advise that this institution is not equipped to do work of that kind. Reliable assays can be made for you, however, by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 silver - money order for the proper amount payable to that office to accompany your samples.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 15, 1930

Dr. C. J. Bachausen,
628 North 8th Street,
Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant, I have to say that this institution will purchase scrap gold and gold fillings when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the gold and silver content equals approximately one-fourth of the weight of the deposit.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject and should you decide to make any shipments here they will receive my prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

November 15, 1930

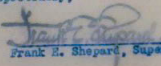
Dr. C. V. McCormack,
918 Gary State Bank Building,
Gary, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 12th instant,
I have this day returned to you by registered mail the
scrap gold and silver forwarded by you to this Mint for pur-
chase, using the \$2.00 in currency enclosed with your let-
ter as follows:

Postage	\$1.44
Registry fee	.40
Stamps enclosed to balance	.16

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

November 15, 1930

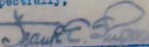
Dr. R. J. McCabe,
Dewey-Davis Building,
Nampa, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th instant and accompanying consignment which weighs upon receipt here 5.78 troy ounces and have to advise that it does not appear that your material will have a value of \$100.00 which is the minimum amount received for purchase.

I would suggest that you send one and one-half ounces more of similar material to be added to this shipment in order to give it the required value. If it is not convenient for you to do this, your material will be returned upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 17th, 1930.

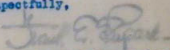
Dave Nabstedt Company,
106 Old Masonic Temple Building,
Davenport, Iowa.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of shipment bearing your name, and have to advise that the regulations require that before deposits may be entered upon our books and paid for a letter of advice must be received from the consignor pertaining thereto.

I have therefore to request that you will write me promptly concerning this consignment, upon receipt of which your shipment will receive attention.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

November 17th, 1930.

The First National Bank,
Craig Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I have your letter of the 14th instant enclosing one twenty five cent piece which an examination discloses is genuine and does not ring because of a crack around the edge. I am therefore enclosing in exchange a perfect coin and thank you for calling my attention to the defective piece.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent,

By

Ben Brinckley
Acting Superintendent.

H

November 17th, 1930.

Mr. William H. Becker,
Care, United States Corporation Company,
150 Broadway, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of the 12th instant and have to advise that our entire stock of 1922 one cent bronze pieces has long since been distributed, in fact none remained soon after the close of that calendar year.

I am unable also to be of any assistance to you in obtaining an Indian Head one cent bronze piece of 1877, none of which were coined at this institution.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent,

By

Dean H. H. H.
Acting Superintendent.

P.S. The coins enclosed by you are herewith returned.

H

November 18, 1920

Mr. J. A. Tatum,
Sasakwa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your note and package of ore and have to advise that the Mint is not equipped to make analyses of such material although reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, each sample, money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

The mineral in your rock appears to be iron and I doubt if it would pay you to go to any expense to have this material analyzed, although, of course, you should use your own judgment in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard
Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 18, 1930

Mr. E. A. Fletcher,
DE Queen, Arkansas. Route 3.

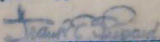
Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 15th instant and as stated by you your small package contained three pieces of ore.

I regret to say that I am unable to advise you where you can dispose of this material as neither the Mint nor the United States Assay Office Assay Office at Salt Lake City could buy it.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance this ore will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ONE:T

November 18, 1930

Mr. Charles M. Bell,
The King Lease, Inc.,
Cury, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

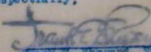
Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 14th with reference to the reported sale of amalgam in Telluride and we have looked over our records for the receipt of bullion since September 28th and wish to advise as follows:

On October 8th, 1930, we received a deposit of bullion from C. V. Nordgren by express from Telluride having the following fineness: Gold 740.3, Silver 253, base 6. This shipment was received in the form of two kings.

Recent shipments from the Camp Bird had the following fineness: Gold 736.1, Silver 225.2, base 36.1; and Gold 750, Silver 231, base 19.

Please treat this information as confidential.

Respectfully,


FRANK E. SHEPARD, Superintendent

FEB:T

November 19, 1930

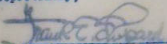
First National Bank,
Hogales, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

On the 15th instant we received a bar of bullion from you but up to this time we have not received the customary letter of advice. Please be advised that before your bullion can be entered on our books such letter is necessary and if this bullion is of Mexican origin, the usual affidavit and Custom House papers will also be necessary.

Your prompt attention is requested.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

EOF:T

November 19, 1930

Dr. R. J. McCabe,
Dewey-Davis Building,
Nampa, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

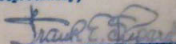
Complying with the request contained in your letter of the 17th instant, I have this day forwarded to the

Spyco Smelting & Refining Company,
55 South 3rd Street,
Minneapolis, Minnesota,

the small amount of scrap gold you sent to this Mint for purchase, using the 50¢ enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	9¢
Insurance	25¢
Stamps returned herewith	16¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

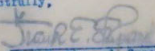
November 19, 1930

Mr. C. W. Salisbury,
312 North 16th Street,
Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 17th instant, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make such assays as you desire and your letter has been referred to the Assayer in Charge, United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, which office is equipped for this work.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T

November 20, 1930

Mr. Olin Madson,
Rock Port, Missouri.

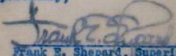
Dear Sir:

I have a package bearing your name on the outside, the contents of which I presume you sent here for analysis, no letter having been received concerning same.

The Mint does not make analyses of such material, nor does it appear that that which has been received from you contains any values in the precious metals.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage, your dirt will be returned you. If you do not desire it returned, please advise me promptly in order that it may be thrown away.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 20, 1930

Mr. W. R. Macy,
Lorimor, Iowa. R.R. 1.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the piece of metal contained in your letter of the 11th instant, I have to advise that an assay of same could be made for you at a charge of \$4.00 to determine its gold and silver content. I would not advise you, however, to go to this expense as this metal appears to be copper and without any value. It is therefore returned to you herewith.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

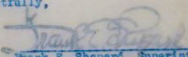
November 20, 1930

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your payment of
78¢ in cash covering commission on collections from tele-
phone booth, Main 9972, for the period October 20, 1930,
to November 11, 1930.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 21, 1930

Mr. Joseph Leykam,
4169 Winona Court,
Denver, Colorado.

My dear Mr. Leykam:

I have to advise that I am in receipt of a communication from the Chief of the Division of Appointments of the Treasury Department advising me that the Commissioner of Pensions has granted you an annuity of \$1018.68 per annum under Section 1 of the Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, commencing August 1, 1930.

Trusting that you are well and with kind regards, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 21, 1930

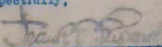
Casper Loan Office,
229 South Center Street,
Casper, Wyoming.

Gentlemen:

I have your note of recent date in reference to making shipments to this institution and if you desire to send two separate lots having a aggregate value of over \$100, I regret to say returns could not be made on each lot. Returns are made only on each deposit and no deposits are received having a value under \$100.00. If you have several lots each of which has a value of \$100 or over, one check can be issued in payment for the total value with a report on each lot.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information regarding the receipt of deposits at this institution.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

November 21, 1930

Dr. L. A. Cleveland,
506¹/₂ Edmond Street,
St. Joseph, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter and consignment under date of the 19th instant and have to advise that upon receipt here your material weighs 5.71 troy ounces and I doubt if it will contain \$100.00 in value, which is the minimum amount received for purchase.

I would suggest that you send at least one ounce more of dental scrap to be added to this shipment in order that it will not be necessary for me to reject your deposit and impose our melting charge of \$1.00 which would be necessary if your deposit falls below the required value.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

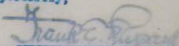
November 21, 1930

Mr. Nick Stiches,
508 East Benham,
Glendive, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 16th instant, I have
to say that the Mint does not deal in old coins and hence
has no literature pertaining thereto for distribution.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 21, 1930

American Smelting & Refining Company,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my shipment on October 16, 1930, of 765 sacks of mint concentrate, weighing 66,170 pounds, under Government bill of lading No. T-42906 to your plant and your certificate on the original of said bill of lading of the receipt of 65,800 pounds, showing an apparent loss in transit of 370 pounds, will you kindly advise me as to the number of sacks received by you and the manner in which you weighed these concentrates upon delivery at your plant. I desire this information to determine whether all of the 765 sacks were received by you and if there was any actual loss in transit in order that claim may be made against the carrier for the value of such loss.

In this connection I have to say that I have received from you 763 empty sacks in which these concentrates were shipped to you and I would like to know if this number constitutes all you received or whether two sacks were unfit for return to me.

Kindly give this matter your prompt attention in order that I may promptly reply to a communication from the Treasury Department pertinent to the above shipment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 21, 1930

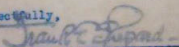
The First State Bank,
Blanchard, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 19th instant and accompanying jar of mineral dust, please be advised that an examination of this material discloses that it is what is commonly known as zinc sulphide or sphalerite. The Mint purchases gold and silver only and in no event would the small quantity of sphalerite contained in your jar have any value.

If you desire the return of this material, please advise me promptly and forward the necessary postage, otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 22, 1930

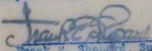
First National Bank,
Nogales, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your shipment for the account of Mr. Hugo W. Miller, No. 13701, under date of November 11th, the invoice covering which has just reached me, having been sent to the Bureau of the Mint at Washington, D. C., I have to advise that your bullion upon receipt here weighed 730.1 troy ounces, while your invoice calls for 731 ounces.

Will you please advise me at your earliest convenience if the weight as found here is satisfactory to you and to Mr. Miller.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

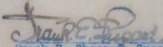
November 22, 1930

Mr. H. Sparber,
121 North Broadway,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the
19th instant, which you state weighs 201 ounces more or less,
I find upon receipt here your bullion weighs 160.60 troy ounces.
As this is a considerable variation from your weight, I would
appreciate your advising me promptly if the weight as found
here is satisfactory to you before I proceed to treat your de-
posit.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

November 22, 1930

Camp Bird Limited,
Attention: Mr. Henry W. Wood, Superintendent,
Ouray, Colorado.

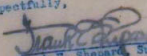
Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 19th instant regarding the difference in weight before melting of your bar No. 4959 as stated in your invoice and as reported by this institution, and I regret to say that the before-melting weight as stated by the Mint is a typographical error and should be 184.53.

Deposits are weighed and checked by two men in the receiving room when received and again when being sent to the melting room and a third time when returned therefrom. Payment, of course, is made on the weight after melting and this was in no wise affected by the typographical error in question. Will you kindly change my memorandum of returns to you to make the before-melting weight of this bar 184.53 - our records having been corrected accordingly.

I regret exceedingly this inadvertence, however, and trust it has not caused you any inconvenience and thank you for calling my attention thereto.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T

November 24, 1930

Dave Nabstedt Company,
106 Masonic Temple Building,
Davenport, Iowa.

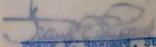
Gentlemen:

Referring to your recent consignment at this institution which weighed upon receipt here 8.03 troy ounces, I have to advise that after melting and assaying this deposit I find that it contains a value of approximately \$87.00 which is below the minimum value of deposits received for purchase - the regulations requiring that all deposits not containing \$100.00 in value be rejected.

I have therefore to request that you will forward me money order for \$1.00 covering the melting charge on this deposit when it will be returned you, or if you prefer to reenter it after sending the necessary bullion to bring its value up to the required amount, I shall be glad to have you do so, although the above charges must be paid before your bullion can be again accepted.

Kindly advise me of your wishes in this matter at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


FRANK E. SHEPARD, Superintendent

OH:T

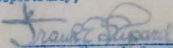
November 24, 1930

Mr. William McCall,
Bernalillie, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of recent date, please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins and I therefore am unable to send you any information as to what premiums may be paid by coin collectors and numismatic dealers.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T

November 25, 1930

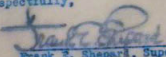
Mr. T. H. Wood,
C/o R. G. Skeen,
Harrisburg, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your package of sand forwarded here for analysis, please be advised that while the Mint is not equipped to make assays of such material, it does not appear that your black sand contains any values in the precious metals.

Should you desire the return of this sand, please advise me promptly and send the necessary postage, otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 25, 1930

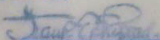
Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt on the 24th
instant of the following dies on government bill of lading
No. T61644, via Railway Express Agency, Inc.:

5 - Obverse One-cent Dies, Nos. 521-525
10 - Reverse " " " Nos. 555-565

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

November 25, 1930

American Smelting & Refining Company,
Omaha, Nebraska.

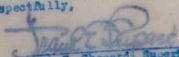
Attention: Mr. Simeon Jones
Business Manager

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant relative to my shipment of Mint concentrate to your plant on October 16th, and concerning particularly the difference in weight shipped by the Mint and received by you.

Answering the last paragraph of your letter in which you state you are holding the various lots without treatment, I have to advise that while your returns in several instances are somewhat less than I anticipated, your settlement has been approved and it is not necessary for you to hold these lots intact.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 26, 1930

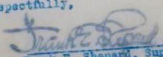
Miss Mona Ames,
Huron, South Dakota.

Dear Miss Ames:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins
nor pay a premium thereon and I am unable to give you any
information as to where you may dispose of the coin men-
tioned by you.

The Mint does not have nor distribute any books
relative to coins.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

November 26, 1930

Mr. F. Quilitch,
Quilitch Implement & Vehicle Co.,
Trinidad, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 25th instant I have to advise that this institution does not manufacture any commemorative coins and I would suggest that you communicate with the Director of the Mint at Washington, D. C., for information as to the source from which you can obtain such commemorative pieces as you desire. They are sold usually by the society or organization in whose interest they are manufactured to commemorate some particular event such as the Landing of the Pilgrims, etc.

This Mint has never manufactured any pattern coins, the Mint at Philadelphia being the only institution to make such pieces; such coins, however, are not for sale.

I am enclosing a pamphlet which may give you some information on this subject.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

November 26, 1930

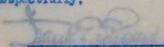
Mrs. G. Wilson,
2317 Longfellow Avenue,
Overland, St. Louis County, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter and consignment under date of the 22nd instant and have to advise that as the Mint does not purchase deposits which have a value less than \$100.00, I am unable to be of any assistance to you in disposing of the small amount of gold contained in your consignment, which weighs but 1.07 troy ounces.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your gold will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 28, 1930

Fort Worth Smelting & Refining Company,
1318-20 Arcade Place,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your shipments under date of the 22nd and 24th instant, the first of which in your letter of advice you state weighs 37.80 ounces, please be advised that upon receipt here this material weighs 36.66 troy ounces.

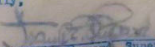
As requested by you your small shipment of the 24th has been added to that of the 22nd and I thought it proper to call your attention to the discrepancy in weight of the first shipment, no weight having been given by you of the material in the second shipment which weighed upon receipt here 8.63 troy ounces.

I have combined these two lots and am proceeding to treat same under the assumption that the weight given by you of the first shipment is an error.

Trusting this action will be satisfactory to you,

I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

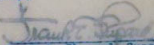
November 28, 1930

F. P. May Hardware Company,
469 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

Referring to Item No. 2114(e) General Supply Catalogue for the fiscal year 1931 and General Supply Committee circular No. 262 of November 15, 1930, I have to request you to forward me one copy of the National Twist Drill & Tool Company's catalogue No. 14, dated January, 1929, covering machine twist drills.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T

November 26, 1930

Mr. P. A. Hosford,
Winner, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 25th instant, I have to advise that the only gold coins mentioned by you which can be furnished by this institution are the \$5, \$10 and \$20 gold pieces. These are not of recent date but are uncirculated and are obtainable at their face value upon application to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

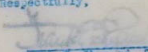
Regarding the \$1, \$2.50 and \$5 gold pieces, I have to say that the coinage of the \$1 and \$5 pieces was discontinued in 1889 long before this Mint was established; the quarter eagle (\$2.50) was discontinued in the spring of this year. While this Mint struck a number of these, they have all now been distributed.

No regular coinage of \$50 gold pieces has been undertaken by the Mints, although Congress in January, 1915, authorized the striking of commemorative coins in the denominations of \$50, \$2.50 and \$1 gold pieces, also silver half dollars, for the Panama-Pacific Exposition Company, all of

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which bore the stamp of 1915. There were two types of the \$50 piece, one being round and the other octagonal in shape. The exposition was held in San Francisco in 1915 and the coins were struck at the Mint in that city but I am unable to advise you where any of these coins may now be obtained as they were distributed (I believe at a premium) by the organization having charge of that activity.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

RECEIVED
DEC 1 - 1930
U. S. MINT AT DENVER

James E. [unclear]
Salmon, Idaho.

UNITED STATES MINT, Denver, Colorado.

Dec. 1, 1930

Respectfully returned with the request that you kindly read my letter of October 31, 1930, in which you will note you were informed that the Mint does not accept deposits having a value under \$100.00 which your consignment would not even closely approximate. I may add that amalgam is not received even when its gold content has a value of \$100.

Frank E. Shepard
Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

December 1, 1930

Mr. G. H. Hayward,
C/o West Texas National Bank,
Big Springs, Texas. Box 22.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo, I have to advise that deposits in order to be acceptable for purchase must contain approximately one-fourth of their weight in the precious metals - gold and silver - and have a minimum value of \$100. It is also necessary that the Mint should know the source of production of the bullion and I am enclosing a card on which you will find the information the Mint desires in that regard.

Deposits should be accompanied by a letter of advice and be forwarded with all transportation charges prepaid. Should you send any deposits here, they will receive my prompt attention.

I am also enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:T
Enclosures

December 1, 1930

Mr. John Swank,
164 North Second Street,
Laramie, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 27th ultimo, I have to advise that the Mint will accept deposits for purchase when the value contained therein is at least \$100.00 and the consignment contains at least one-fourth of its weight in the precious metals - gold and silver. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor make any allowance therefor when contained in deposits.

The Mint will pay \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and for silver, the New York market price, less the fraction, which prevails on the day prior to the receipt of the deposit.

The Mint imposes a melting charge of \$1.00 on each deposit of 1000 ounces or fraction thereof and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction; also a nominal treatment charge which varies according to the fineness of the material.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information relative to the receipt of deposits at this institution.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:E
Enclosure

December 1, 1920

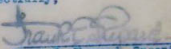
Maisel's Indian Trading Post,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter and consignment of the 26th ultimo and note that you state you are forwarding about 1585 ounces of silver and about 28 ounces worth of old gold.

Upon receipt here your material has a total weight of 1528.77 troy ounces which is about 60 ounces less than the weight stated by you and I would appreciate your letting me know promptly if the weight as found here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ON:T

December 2, 1930

Mr. G. A. Dunkhorst,
P. O. Box 255,
Mogollon, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th ultimo, I regret to say that it does not appear that the bullion you have for sale is suitable for purchase by the Mint owing to the fact that its base metal content would exceed the limit prescribed by the regulations.

It is necessary that deposits contain at least \$100.00 in value and this would also prevent me from accepting your shipment.

Regretting that I cannot be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

December 2, 1930

Mr. Charles W. Werlick,
Lead, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Complying with the request contained in your letter of the 1st instant, I am enclosing source-of-production card and invoice blanks to be used by you when sending your gold to the Mint - it being necessary that a source-of-production card be furnished with only the first shipment if subsequent shipments are made under the same conditions and have the same source.

In this connection I feel I should add that deposits in order to be acceptable for purchase must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and at least one-fourth of their weight in the precious metals; namely, gold and silver.

Please forward with your shipment a letter of advice, as consignments are not entered on our books or paid for until such advice has been received.

I shall be glad to receive your consignments and they will have my prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosures.

December 3, 1930

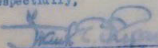
Mr. Charles A. Chase, General Manager,
Shenandoah-Dives Mining Company,
Silverton, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Chase:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st instant and by express your two crude retorts which weigh upon receipt here 155.90 troy ounces.

In view of the fact that your invoice calls for 156 ounces, I am holding your bullion without treatment until advised by you that the weight as received here is satisfactory and have to request that you will kindly advise me promptly regarding this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 3, 1930

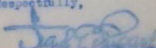
Mr. W. M. Grigg,
Rocky, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 19th ultimo and accompanying small stones and regret to advise you that while the Mint is not equipped to make assays of such material, a preliminary test shows that these stones do not contain any values in the precious metals.

If you desire the return of this material, please send me the necessary postage, otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 3, 1930

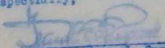
Mr. A. H. Dorman,
Soap Lake, Washington. Box 58

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo and accompanying sample of rock and have to advise that while the Mint is not equipped to make analyses of such material, a preliminary test of your sample shows that it does not contain any values in the precious metals.

If you desire the return of your sample, please send me the necessary postage, otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 3, 1930

Mr. A. McKenna,
618 Fisher Avenue,
Superior, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 30th ultimo, please be advised that this institution will purchase your gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the precious metal content (pure gold and silver) equals approximately one-fourth of the weight of the deposit.

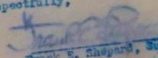
The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and for silver the New York market price, less the fraction which prevails on the day prior to the receipt of the deposit.

A melting charge of \$1.00 is imposed for each 1000 ounces, or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction; also a nominal treatment charge.

Deposits must be accompanied, in all cases, by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on the matter of receipt of deposits at this institution.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

December 3, 1930

Mr. H. E. Green, Cashier,
The First State Bank,
Blanchard, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Complying with request contained in your letter of the 29th ultimo, I have this day returned to you by insured mail the jar of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using the 35¢ in postage enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	5¢
Insurance	5¢
Stamps returned	25¢

Respectfully


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

December 3, 1930

Lieut. H. C. Kirchner, Can. Res.
Superior, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 1st instant, I regret to advise you that inasmuch as the regulations do not permit the acceptance of deposits having a value less than \$100, I am unable to accept your consignment which weighs upon receipt here 3.59 troy ounces.

If you can send two or more ounces of similar material to be added to this lot, I shall be glad to have you do so, otherwise kindly send the necessary postage and insurance and your gold will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 4, 1930

Linde Air Products Company,
910 Baltimore Avenue,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Attention: Ruth Holmes
Asst. Chief Clerk

Gentlemen:

Referring to your invoice herewith for 275 cubic feet of acetylene gas furnished as per my order No. 130, I am enclosing herewith a credit memorandum received from the Frost-O-Lite Company, Inc., your distributor for acetylene gas, for 89 cubic feet at \$3.00 per hundred, the contract price, amounting to \$2.67, this memo bearing date of November 4, 1930.

Will you kindly render me a corrected invoice with the amount of this credit deducted therefrom, certifying the original in the usual manner?

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

December 4, 1930

Miss Virginia M. Carmes,
1519 Crescent Road,
Charleston, West Virginia.

Dear Miss Virginia:

I have your letter of the 1st instant and regret to say that I am unable to supply you with any pamphlets or other literature pertaining to coinage operations as the Government does not publish matter of that kind.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:S

December 4, 1939

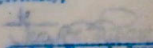
Mr. W. H. Calkins,
Union Printers' Home,
P. O. Box 218,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant, please be advised that no \$2.50 gold pieces - quarter eagles - were struck at any of the Mints during the calendar years 1916 to 1925, nor have I on hand any pieces of this denomination of any year's coinage.

In order to obtain coins from the Mints, it is necessary that application be made direct to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

December 4, 1950

Railway Express Agency, Inc.,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter of October 18th, last, and your reply thereto under date of October 20th, relative to an apparent delay in the receipt of several shipments of one-cent bronze pieces consigned to the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota, by this institution, in which you state "Investigation is being made to determine if they sustained delay enroute and will advise you in due course", please be advised that no further reply has been received from you and I will appreciate your courtesy in promptly advising me regarding the result of your investigation pertinent to this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 4, 1920

Mr. E. E. Walker,
Rosedale, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 1st instant, I have to advise that only one one-cent brown coin has been manufactured by this institution during the current calendar year.

This institution does not attract any 2-cent gold pieces for several years and has stopped the process of not discontinuing the coinage of this denomination.

Should you desire any coins from the United States application should be made to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7
Enclosure

December 4, 1930

Hon. Miles R. Beeken, Superintendent,
United States Army Office,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Beeken:

Complying with the request contained in your letter of the 1st instant, I take pleasure in enclosing Standard Form No. 15 - Abstract of Official Record of United States Government Employee in the case of Mr. E. P. Beech, recently transferred to your institution.

Respectfully,

Frank V. Shepard
Frank V. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

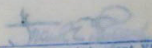
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1929	24	3	15	0
1930	29	6	45	0

DENVER DECEMBER 5, 1930

KLAR & WINTERGLAS
2510 ELM STREET
DALLAS TEXAS

YOUR DEPOSIT WEIGHS UPON RECEIPT HERE FORTY EIGHT
TROY OUNCES INSTEAD OF SEVENTY SEVEN AS STATED BY YOU. PLEASE ADVISE.



Superintendent McInt

Collect charges at Dallas

December 5, 1930

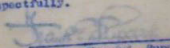
Mr. C. C. Anderson,
Diamond, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo and accompanying specimens of rock and have to advise that the Mint is not equipped to make analyses of such material. Reliable work of this kind, however, can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, money order for the proper amount, payable to that office, to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the samples which you have forwarded here, please send me the necessary postage, otherwise they will be thrown away.

Respectfully.


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:2

December 5, 1930

Chambers Optical Company, Inc.,
8th and Grand Avenue,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 3rd instant advising that you are shipping by registered mail two ingots of unrefined gold, and by express I have received a package from the Katz Drug Company (which you appear to operate) which I presume is the package you intended to forward by registered mail.

A preliminary test of these ingots indicates that their base metal content is far in excess of the amount accepted by this institution - no deposits being received which contain 800 or more assay parts of base metal out of a possible 1000 - while these ingots will contain in excess of 900 assay parts of base metal.

To render these ingots acceptable for purchase, it will be necessary for you to send not less than 25 ounces of sterling silver to raise the fineness of your metal to meet our requirements.

Your ingots were found to have the following weights upon receipt here: One ingot 65.55 troy ounces and one ingot 52.36 troy ounces.

Kindly advise me promptly of your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

December 5, 1930

Mr. P. R. Gwin,
Wister, Oklahoma. Route 1

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 3rd instant in which you state you are forwarding rock and red mud samples for assay and in reply please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of such material. Reliable work of this kind, however, can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, cash or money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the samples which you are forwarding here, please send me the necessary postage.

I enclose herewith the one dollar in currency enclosed with your letter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:F
Enclosure

December 5, 1930

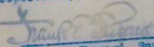
Mr. H. B. Smyser,
216½ East Douglas,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment by express bearing your name on the outside but to date have not received from you a letter of advice concerning this shipment.

Before your deposit can be entered on our books and paid for, the regulations require that you write me regarding this bullion. Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

December 5, 1930

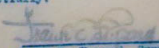
Mr. S. S. High,
Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment by express bearing your name on the outside but to date have not received from you a letter of advice concerning this shipment.

Before your deposit can be entered on our books and paid for, the regulations require that you write me regarding this bullion. Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully.



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

December 5, 1930

Kansas City Oxygen Gas Company,
2012 Grand Avenue,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith your invoice No. 84264,
covering my purchase from you under order No. 136 of cyl-
inder filled with hydrogen gas, with the request that you
have this invoice rewritten with the name of your firm in-
serted above that of the officer who has signed same, after
which kindly return the invoice to me.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

December 6, 1930

Maisel's Indian Trading Post,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

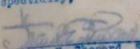
Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 4th instant asking for information in regard to the source from which you can obtain fine silver and I regret to say that the regulations do not permit the Mint to sell silver in any quantity, although I am advised that Earl Blumrock, Mack Building, this city, deals in this metal. In this connection, however, I have to advise that it is not the policy of the Government to recommend any outside dealers nor assume any responsibility when their names are suggested as a matter of accommodation to correspondents.

Regretting my inability to help you in this matter,

I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

December 6, 1930

Bureau of Mines,
Experiment Station,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with instructions received from the Director of the Mint at Washington, I have forwarded you by express on Government bill of lading No. 83821, one analytical balance and one assay balance - these instruments being re-assigned without exchange of funds to the Department of Commerce for your use.

Original bill of lading covering this shipment herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

December 6, 1930

Mr. C. W. Warburton,
Director of Extension Work,
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant addressed to Hon R. J. Grant, formerly Superintendent of this institution, and in reply regret to say that the Mint has been closed to all visitors for a number of years and the Director of the Mint at Washington has consistently refused to waive this inhibition when appealed to in special cases.

I appreciate the interest it would be to your boys and girls to go through the Mint and would take pleasure in according them this privilege had I any discretion in the matter which unfortunately I have not.

Should the Mint later on be opened to visitors, I trust that at some future date I may have the pleasure of extending this privilege to all those who may be interested.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:T

December 8, 1930

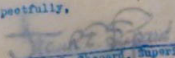
Mr. Jay Cherniack,
215 Bennett Building,
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

In further reference to my letter to you of October 28th, last, I have to advise that your second shipment of gold, which was received without a letter of advice, is not sufficient to increase the value of your previous consignment to meet our requirements, the bulk of the weight of your second shipment being in the five watches, which contain very little gold, and all of the works included therein. As no deposits are received which do not have a value of \$100.00 I would suggest that you send an ample amount to meet our requirements, or send the necessary postage when your consignments will be returned to you.

Before forwarding such material to the Mint, kindly remove all foreign substances such as teeth and the works in watch cases.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 8, 1930

Mr. E. J. Chamis,
Hartshorne, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th instant and accompanying samples of mineral ore and have to advise that while the Mint is not equipped to make analyses of such material, it does not appear that your samples contain any of the precious metals - the bright particles appearing in these samples being pyrites of iron.

Should you desire to have an assay made of your samples, however, I would suggest that you send same to the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, where reliable work can be done for you at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, money order for the proper amount, payable to that office to accompany your sample.

If you desire the return of the samples which you have forwarded here, kindly send me the necessary postage.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

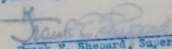
December 6, 1930

Miss Violet Reinhold,
1216 South Walnut Street,
McPherson, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Answering your note of the 5th instant, please
be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins nor
issue any pamphlets on the subject.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 8, 1930

Mr. J. E. Cantwell,
Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt, through the City National Bank of Fort Smith, Arkansas, of a sample of ore which it advises you desire to have assayed to determine its mineral content. In reply I have to advise that the Mint is not equipped to do work of that kind but reliable assays can be made for you by the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount, payable to that office, to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the sample which has been sent here, kindly forward the necessary postage and it will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

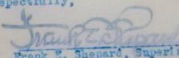
December 8, 1930

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Enclosed please find non-reimbursable voucher
in the sum of \$150.60 covering certain aprons and sleeves
furnished by you to this institution and shipped on Govern-
ment bill of lading No. T-113478.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

December 8, 1930

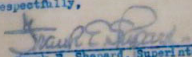
Mr. Harry Varnell, Jr.,
5843 West Circle Drive,
Norwood Park Station,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 6th instant and regret to say that I am unable to supply you with the coins requested in your letter as only the one-cent bronze coin has been manufactured at this institution during the current calendar year and these are distributed only upon application made direct to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., as per the enclosed circular.

I am therefore returning the 17¢ forwarded by you, together with your stamped envelope.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosures

December 5, 1930

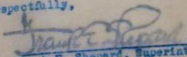
Port Worth Smelting & Refining Company,
1318 Arcade Place, Port Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your shipment of the 3rd instant which weighed upon receipt here 59.41 troy ounces, I regret to say that after melting this deposit I find that it has a base metal content of over 800 assay parts base metal out of a possible 1000 and cannot under the regulations be accepted for purchase.

In order to render this deposit acceptable for purchase, I would suggest that you send at least 5 ounces of good silver to increase its fineness and a small amount of good gold to increase its value in order that there will be no doubt that it will comply with our regulations in both respects. Before it can be reentered, however, it will be necessary for you to send me a money order for \$1.00 to cover the melting charges above referred to.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

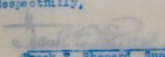
December 8, 1930

Mr. Denton Lay,
510 Santa Fe Avenue,
La Junta, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 5th instant, please be advised that the Government does not deal in old coins nor pay a premium thereon and if there is any premium on the 1913 buffalo nickel it would be paid only by private coin collectors and numismatic dealers but I doubt very much that it would bring the high premium mentioned by you if it carries any premium at all.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Stamps returned

December 9, 1930

Hill City Bank,
Hill City, South Dakota.

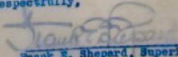
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your consignment weighing upon receipt here 5.35 troy ounces which does not appear to contain \$100.00 in value - this being the minimum value of deposits accepted for purchase. If you can send at least one ounce more of similar material to be added to this lot, I believe it will meet our requirements in the foregoing respect, but should this not be convenient, your gold will be returned upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

In this connection, please be advised that deposits cannot be entered on our books and paid for unless accompanied by a letter of advice.

Please advise me of your wishes regarding the gold which you have sent.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

December 9, 1930

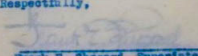
Mr. James Gibb,
Salmon, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 4th instant,
I have this day returned to you by insured mail the amalgam
forwarded by you to this institution for purchase, using
the 34¢ in postage enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	8¢
Insurance	25¢
Stamp returned	1¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

December 9, 1930

Mr. E. A. Fletcher,
DE Queen, Arkansas. Route 3.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 1st instant, I have this day returned to you by registered mail the ore samples forwarded by you to this institution, using the 25¢ in postage enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	8¢
Registry fee.....	15¢
Stamp returned	2¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

December 9, 1930

Rosenfield Jewelry Company,
Main at Harvey,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

In reference to your consignment under date of the 4th instant, I regret to say that after melting your bullion and determining its value, I find that the latter will not exceed \$85.

The regulations require that all deposits in order to be acceptable for purchase must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and deposits falling below that amount shall be rejected and such charges imposed as have been incurred up to the time of their rejection.

I have therefore to advise that your deposit has been rejected and it will be necessary for you to send me a money order for \$1.00 to cover the Mint charges pertaining thereto.

If you desire to reenter this material as a deposit you may do so upon payment of the above charges and forwarding the necessary material to increase its value to at least \$100. Kindly advise me promptly of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 10, 1930

Mr. D. T. Wheeler,
1134 Theo Avenue,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant, please be advised that gold and silver bullion is purchased by the Mint only on the basis of the troy ounce for the pure metal, gold at the rate of \$20.67 per troy ounce fine, and the New York market price, less the fraction, prevailing on the day prior to the receipt of deposits for silver on the basis of the troy ounce fine.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you full instructions relative to shipments to the Mint from which you will note that each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and each consignment must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and contain approximately one-fourth of its weight in pure gold or silver.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

December 10, 1930

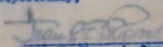
Mr. Herman Kimball,
General Delivery,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter and consignment under date of the 8th instant which you state consists of 16 ounces, 2 Dwt., and 10 grains (which would be approximately 16.47 troy ounces) and have to advise that upon opening same I find that it consists of three packages which have a total weight of 15.74 troy ounces.

As the difference between your weight and that found at the Mint is in the neighborhood of $\frac{3}{4}$ of a troy ounce, I have to request that you will kindly advise me if the weight as found here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

December 11, 1930

Mr. John A. Traylor,
Royal Tiger Mines,
Tiger, near Breckenridge, Colorado.

Dear Traylor:

Your telegram of December 11th requesting us to deliver check for the Royal Tiger deposit to Allison Stocker who will call, was received this morning.

This check in the amount of \$2,818.48 was mailed yesterday afternoon to the Royal Tiger Mines, Tiger, Colorado. I received a telephone message from Mr. Stocker this morning and he was advised as above.

With best wishes for good progress, I am

Very truly yours,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

FES:T

December 11, 1930

Midwest Mines Corporation,
Chehalis, Washington.

Attention: Mr. Harry Fingles,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Gentlemen:

Complying with the request contained in your letter of the 6th instant, I am sending you a copy of all shipments received at this institution from your company at South Pass, Wyoming.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

December 11, 1930

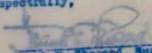
Mr. Ernest Riccon,
Golden, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a deposit bearing your name on the outside and have to advise that the Mint does not accept and enter on the books for purchase shipments when unaccompanied by a letter of advise and I have therefore to request that you will write me promptly concerning this shipment.

I have also to advise that the Mint does not accept deposits having a value under \$100.00 and as yours may not quite reach that value, I would suggest that you send a small additional quantity to be added to this lot. Should I proceed to treat your consignment and find its value under \$100, it would be necessary for me to reject it and impose the Mint charges incurred up to the time of its rejection.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

December 11, 1930

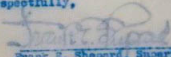
Mr. F. R. Gwin,
Wiater, Oklahoma. Route No. 1

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 8th instant,
I have this day returned to you by mail the rock forwarded
by you to this Mint for assay, using the 16¢ enclosed with
your letter as follows:

Postage	15¢
Stamp returned	1¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

December 11, 1920

Mr. L. V. Smith, O.D.
Ottawa, Kansas.

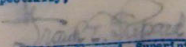
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th instant and accompanying consignment weighing upon receipt here 63.37 troy ounces and consisting largely of optical and filled scrap.

Owing to the fact that most of your shipment is of material with a very high base metal content and low in precious metals, I doubt if it will meet our requirements, either as to value and the necessary fineness - no deposits being received having a value under \$100.00 and a base metal content of 800 or more assay parts out of a possible 1000.

If you can send at least ten ounces of sterling silver to be added to this shipment, I believe its fineness will be satisfactory, and in addition to this silver, I would suggest that you send so much gold as you consider necessary to insure its having a value of \$100.00 at least.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 11, 1930

Adams Dental Laboratory,
Medical Arts Building,
Scranton, Pennsylvania.

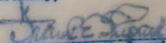
Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant and under separate cover your consignment which you state weighs 1060 pennyweights which would be the equivalent of 52.50 troy ounces.

Upon weighing your material I find that it weighs 48.53 troy ounces and owing to the discrepancy in these weights, I have to ask that you will kindly advise me if the weight as received here is satisfactory, upon the receipt of which information I will proceed to treat your material.

I am glad to have you forward your consignments here for sale and your shipments will have prompt and careful attention.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 12, 1930

The Bartley Crucible & Refractories Company,
67 Oxford Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

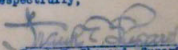
Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 9th instant and in reply have to say that if you would be willing to ship two crucibles No. 100 standard size for test without expense to the Government and with transportation charges prepaid, I would be very glad to test them for you and advise you as to the number of melts obtained therefrom.

The No. 100 standard size crucible is practically the same as the Denver Mint Special No. 80 which latter I would not want you to make specially for the test.

It will take several months to make this test but when conclusions have been obtained they will be promptly forwarded you.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

December 12, 1930.

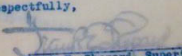
Mr. J. Irvin Black,
127 West Third Street,
Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th instant enclosing \$1.10 for which you desire 100 new 1930 one-cent bronze pieces and regret to say that new coins can be obtained from the Mints only upon application made direct to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., in accordance with the instruction contained in the enclosed circular.

Your enclosure of \$1.10 is returned herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosures

December 12, 1930

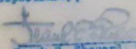
Mr. Claude E. Sorenson,
7th & Cannon, No. 6
Spokane, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant, please be advised that the Mint does not accept gold deposits having a value under \$100.00 which, of course, your nuggets containing two ounces would not even approximate.

Perhaps you can dispose of your gold to one of the large manufacturing jewelers in your vicinity.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 12, 1930

The Postal Telegraph-Cable Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Attention: Mr. L.A. Howat,
Sales Manager

Gentlemen:

Replying to your note of recent date I have to advise that the service rendered the Mint by the Postal Telegraph Company has always been entirely satisfactory. You have not had any of our patronage during the past month for the reason that practically no telegrams have been sent from the Mint and it has been our practice for some time past to distribute equally between your company and the Western Union the small amount of business emanating from the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

December 13, 1930

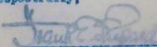
Mr. W. H. Eardley,
436 Sego Avenue,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant, I regret to say that the Mint cannot purchase your half-ounce gold nugget as no deposits are accepted for purchase having a value less than \$100.

Pure gold is worth \$20.67 a troy ounce.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

December 13, 1930

Mr. J. E. Cantwell,
Port Smith, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 10th instant enclosing 24¢ in postage and requesting me to forward sample of ore received from you to the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, and in reply have to advise that your sample of ore has been transmitted to that office, the postage enclosed by you being used for that purpose.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

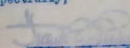
December 15, 1930

Mr. James L. Love,
Stanfield, N. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make analyses of mineral bearing ore. Reliable work of this kind, however, can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge for each sample of \$1.00 for gold, \$1.00 for silver, \$1.50 for lead, \$2.00 for copper and \$2.00 for zinc - money order for the proper amount payable to that office to accompany your samples.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:f

December 15, 1960

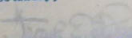
Rosenfield Jewelry Company,
Attention: J. M. Rosenfield,
Main at Harvey,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of the 11th instant,
I have this day returned to you by express, collect, the
bullion forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase.

Regretting my inability to be of service to
you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

December 15, 1930

Mr. J. W. Dawkins,
Spokane, Washington.
S. 2312 Spinto Blvd.
Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 11th instant, please be advised that this institution will purchase your gold at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce fine when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the precious metal content is approximately one-fourth of the weight of the deposit.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject, from which you will note that each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and that a melting charge of \$1.00 is made for each deposit of 1000 ounces or fraction, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces of fraction.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

December 15, 1930

Mr. W. S. Watson,
101 - 34th Street,
Woodcliff, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

Answering your postal card of the 11th instant,
please be advised that during the current calendar year this
institution has coined one-cent bronze pieces only.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:2

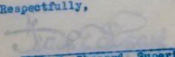
December 15, 1930

Mr. T. W. Delicate,
President, Custer County Bank,
Custer City, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 12th instant, I have to advise that if the placer gold referred to you by you has a value of at least \$100.00 you may ship it here for purchase. The regulations, however, do not permit the acceptance of deposits having a value under \$100.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 15, 1930

Mr. J. M. Talmadge,
42 Jay Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant, I have to advise that the following coinage was executed at this institution during the calendar years designated by you:

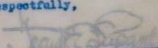
One-Cent Bronze:

1909	-	No coinage
1910	-	" "
1911	-	12,672,000 pieces
1921	-	No coinage
1923	-	" "

Five-Cent Nickel:

1912	-	8,474,000 pieces
1921	-	No coinage
1923	-	" "

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ON:T

December 15, 1930

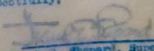
Mrs. F. A. Burrow,
Griggs, Oklahoma. R. 1, Box 25

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make analyses of mineral bearing ore. Reliable work of this kind, however, can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge for each sample of \$1.00 for gold, \$1.00 for silver, \$1.50 for lead, \$2.00 for copper and \$2.00 for zinc - money order for the proper amount payable to that office to accompany your samples.

Answering your question regarding claims, please be advised that the Mint has no regulations for distribution pertaining to this subject but I would suggest that you write to the Department of the Interior at Washington, D.C., for such information.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T

December 15, 1930

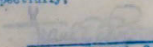
Mr. A.D. Kastner,
McDade, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant, please be advised that the Mint purchases gold only in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and pays for same on the basis of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold, less the customary Mint charges.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject and from which you will please note that each shipment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have all transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,


Frank A. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

December 15, 1930

Fort Worth Smelting & Refining Company.
1310 Arcade Place, Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your notation under date of the 13th instant on my recent letter to you dated the 5th instant advising that your deposit of 59.41 troy ounces had been rejected owing to the fact that it contained an excessive amount of base metal and that it would be necessary for you to send me a money order for \$1.00 to cover the melting charges, I have to repeat that before the material which you have forwarded for addition to this deposit can be treated and check sent you in payment, the \$1.00 charges will have to be collected from you when the two lots will be reentered as a new deposit. I am therefore holding both lots without treatment, pending the receipt of these charges.

In this connection, I would suggest that instead of forwarding lots having a value very close to \$100, which is the minimum amount received and with a doubtful precious metal content, it would save us both a great deal of inconvenience if you would forward your deposits in lots having a value well over \$100 and with a precious metal content that will insure their acceptance.

Respectfully,


Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:7

December 16, 1930.

The Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Enclosed please find new official bond of Fred W.
Frewing, dated December 10, 1930, in amount of \$3,000.
Premium receipt is attached to the bond.

I am also enclosing premium receipts on the official
bonds of George K. Spencer; William J. St. Peters; and William
R. Welsh; Ernest F. Moessner.

Respectfully,

Yr first

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

Enclosures:

F.

December 16, 1930.

Mr. L. V. Smith,
Ottawa, Kansas.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 15th instant regarding additional gold and silver to be treated in connection with your deposit which I am now holding and your request for an estimate of the value of the old gold teeth included in this lot, please be advised that I will gladly supply you with the weight of these teeth but could not give you an estimate of their value without melting and assaying them separately, to do which would require that they be entered as a separate deposit.

This second shipment will be added to your first lot as requested and I trust will render your consignment acceptable for purchase and I regret that I cannot give you the valuation of the gold teeth, as requested.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

OH:B

December 17, 1930.

The Leadville Publishing & Printing Co.,
Leadville, Colorado.

Sirs:

Answering your letter of the 12th inst. relative to the amount and value of gold and silver produced in Lake county during the calander year 1930 and deposited at this institution I have to advise that we received 317.068 fine ounces of gold having a value \$6,554.38 and 93.45 fine ounces of silver having a value of \$34.67.

Respectfully,

Dear first


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

December 17, 1930.

Mr. L. V. Smith,
Ottawa, Kansas.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 16th inst. advising that I would furnish you the weight of the old gold teeth forwarded by you for addition to your consignment at this institution, please be advised that this dental scrap weighs 2.09 troy ounces. As previously advised, I am unable to supply you with amount of pure gold contained in this material or its value.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

OH:B

Dec. 17, 1930.

Meyer Jewelry Co.

Kansas City, Mo.

Fine gold your shipment received
fifteenth forwarded today.

Superintendent

Collect at Kansas City.

December 17, 1930.

Dr. McArthur,
117 Mich. Ave.,
Detroit, Mich.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the outside but have not so far received from you letter of advice covering this shipment. As deposits are not entered upon our books and paid for without such a letter I have to request that you advise me promptly concerning this consignment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:B

December 17, 1930.

Mr. W. I. Usher,
Cushing, Okla.

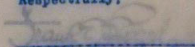
Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 15th inst., please be advised that this institution is not equipped to make analyses of mineral bearing ores or dirt. Reliable work of this kind, however, can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge for each sample of \$1.00 for gold, \$1.00 for silver, \$1.50 for lead, \$2.00 for copper and \$2.00 for zinc, money order payable to that office to accompany your samples.

The Government has no facilities or information which could be supplied you for determining whether your material could be worked at a profit, that being a matter that you would have to determine from the values shown by the assays of the material submitted by you.

If you desire the return of the samples that you have forwarded here, kindly send me the necessary postage and insurance at your earliest convenience, otherwise they will be thrown away.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

OH:B

December 17, 1930.

Dr. E. A. Rigor,
Leonard Bldg.,
Kinsley, Kansas.

Sir:

Answering your letter of the 16th inst. I have to advise that this institution will purchase dental scrap gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100. and where the precious metal content is equal to about one fourth of the weight of the shipment. The Mint does not buy platinum nor make any allowance therefor when contained in gold deposits.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject from which you will please note that all consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OH:B

December 18, 1930.

Mr. William H. Nicolay,
c/o Chowder Island Boat Club,
East Rockaway, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th inst. I have to advise that during the calendar year 1922 this institution coined \$15,134,600 in standard silver dollars and \$71,600 in one cent bronze, which constituted our entire coinage for that year.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

OH:B

December 18, 1930.

Mr. Al W. Hanson,
Sioux City, Ia.

Sir:

Referring to your consignment of recent date which weighed upon receipt here 12.32 troy ounces. I have to advise that after melting and assaying this deposit I find that its value is considerably below the minimum amount received and under the regulations will have to be rejected. If you desire to re-enter this material as a deposit it will be necessary for you to send at least \$30. in good gold to be added thereto, otherwise your bar can be returned you upon receipt of our melting charge of \$1.00, the payment of which is also necessary before your deposit can be re-entered. Please advise me promptly of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OH:B

December 18, 1930.

French Battery Company,
30 North Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

Will you please send me at your
earliest convenience your price list Form
No. A-587, dated July 15, 1929, covering
flash light batteries General Supply
Catalogue item 6042.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OH:B

Denver, December 18, 1930.

NIGHT LETTER

National Shawmut Bank,
Boston, Mass.

Regulations of Treasurer United States require distribution of all coin in large or small amounts to banks through Federal Reserve Banks the one in your city being the only source from which you can obtain the desired coin.

Collect at Boston.

Superintendent Mint.

December 19, 1930.

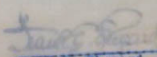
First National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your shipment of 55,000
pecos Mexican gold coin, your number A 27857 -
please be advised that your affidavit covering
same has a line missing from the first page
thereof and is herewith returned to you that it
may be properly completed.

Kindly return this affidavit at your earliest
convenience.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CHS

December 19, 1930.

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co.,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge the receipt
of your voucher check No. 4162 in amount
\$1.15 covering commission on collections
from telephone booth Main 9972 for the period
November 11 to December 11, 1930.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OH:B

December 19, 1930.

Mr. L. V. Smith,
211 So. Main St.,
Ottawa, Kansas.

Sir:

Referring to your consignment to this institution, which has been melted and assayed after adding the additional material forwarded by you, I regret to say that the base metal content of the mass is considerably in excess of the amount permitted for acceptance and the total value much below the minimum value of deposits received for purchase.

To render your deposit acceptable for purchase it will be necessary for you to send about seven ounces of sterling silver to increase the fineness of your deposit and \$20.00 value in gold to bring your consignment up to the minimum amount received for purchase.

Before this deposit can be re-entered, however, it will be necessary for you to send a money order for \$1.00 covering the melting charges on this deposit or before your bar can be returned to you, should you desire not to re-enter it.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard
Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

OH:B

December 19, 1930.

Chambers Optical Co.,
Boley Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment to this institution, which has been melted and assayed after adding the additional material forwarded by you, I regret to say that the base metal content of the mass is considerably in excess of the amount permitted for acceptance and the total value much below the minimum value of deposits received for purchase.

To render your deposit acceptable for purchase it will be necessary for you to send about ten ounces of sterling silver to increase the fineness of your deposit and \$10.00 value in gold to bring your consignment up to the minimum amount received for purchase.

Before this deposit can be re-entered, however, it will be necessary for you to send a money order for \$1.00 covering the melting charges on this deposit or before your bar can be returned to you, should you desire not to re-enter it.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

CH:B

December 19, 1930.

Mr. O. M. Perkins,
935 Adele St.,
Houston, Texas.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 17th inst.
enclosing cashier's check for \$26.00 on
the State National Bank of Houston, Texas,
and regret to say that I cannot comply
with your request for twenty-five new stand-
ard silver dollars owing to the fact that
these are not distributed except upon ap-
plication direct to the Treasurer of the
United States at Washington, D. C., in ac-
cordance with the enclosed circular.

No standard silver dollars have been
made at this institution since 1927.

Please find herewith your draft for
\$26.00

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OH:B

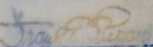
December 19, 1930.

The Patterson-McGrath Co.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 18th instant stating that under date of December 2d you forwarded by express to this institution a package containing gold scrap, please be advised that this package was received at the Mint about midday on the 13th and could not be melted until Monday morning the 15th. It was treated promptly and check mailed you on the 17th. If you have not received this check upon receipt of this letter, please advise me.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:B

December 22, 1930.

Mr. Charles A. Chase, Mgr.,
Shenandoah-Dives Mining Co.,
Silverton, Colorado.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your invoice and package of gold and silver bullion forwarded under date of the 19th inst. and have to advise that upon receipt here your bullion weighs 246.02 Troy ounces instead of 251.6, as stated by you. In view of the fact that the retort contains considerable moisture and the sack in which shipped is also quite wet, I have proceeded to treat your consignment assuming that this difference in weight is due to the moisture which has evaporated up to the present time, your previous shipment having been received and treated under the same conditions.

Trusting this action is satisfactory to you,

I am

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OH:B

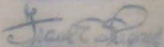
December 22, 1930.

Mr. F. E. Burrow,
Griggs, Okla.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 18th inst. relative to finding a purchaser for you in connection with your mining property and have to advise that the Mint does not come in contact with people who are interested in making such purchases nor have I any way of assisting you in this matter. I would suggest that you advertise your property in some newspaper carrying a large circulation.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OH:B

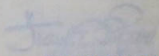
December 23, 1930.

First National Bank,

El Paso, Texas.

In re telegram affidavits must accompany papers
for each deposit. Regret cannot comply with your request.

Collect at El Paso.


Superintendent.

Denver, December 23, 1920.

Richard Hospes,
2345 So. Broadway,
St. Louis, Mo.

Your consignment weighs one hundred one point
seventy three troy ounces instead of two hundred as invoiced.
Please advise.

Collect at St. Louis.

Superintendent.

December 23, 1930.

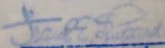
Mr. Chas. Hoffman,
165 State St.,
Brooklyn. N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 19th inst. and regret to say that I am unable to comply with your request for some new half dollars owing to the fact that the regulations require that applications for new coins shall be made direct to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C. in accordance with the enclosed circular.

I have no doubt if you will forward your application to that officer he will authorize me to supply you with these coins.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OH:B

December 23, 1930.

Drs. Smaha and Houlette,
11 and 12 Clinic Bldg.,
Grand Island, Neb.

Sirs:

Referring to your letter of the 20th inst. relative to your three consignments to this institution and requesting separate payment for the contents of box marked with a red "X" on it please be advised that in order to make payment on this lot it would have to be treated as a separate deposit which cannot be done as its value would not approximate \$100., no deposits being entered on our books having a value under that amount. The weight of this material is 3.48 Troy ounces before melting and while I cannot say definitely what its value is I judge it would be in the neighborhood of \$50. or \$55.

The contents of the other box weigh 10.7 Troy ounces and the contents of the jar 5.48 Troy ounces. I am proceeding to treat the three lots as one deposit and check will be mailed you in due course.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

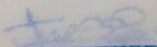
December 23, 1930.

Bartley Crucible and Refractories Co.,
67 Oxford Street,
Trenton, N. J.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 19th instant and have to advise in reply that no changes have been made in the design of the Denver Mint No. 80 crucible since 1922.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OH:B

December 24, 1930.

Mr. E. D. Spears,
Hulbert, Okla.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 21st instant enclosing a capsule containing mineral sample (capsule being entirely broken up) and have to advise that while this institution does not make assays of mineral bearing ores or sand the material forwarded by you appears to be white iron which has no commercial value. Your sample is returned herewith.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OH:B

December 24, 1930.

Josten Manufacturing Co.,
Owatonna, Minn.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment of the 22d instant No. 237 which you invoice at about 324 ounces and which I find consists of 4 buttons and weighing upon receipt here 310.04 troy ounces, will you please advise me promptly if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

While your weight is stated as being only approximate the difference between the amount given by you and that received at this institution is about 14 ounces and under the circumstances I thought it proper to advise you of this considerable discrepancy and receive your authority to treat your material on the Mint's weight.

Respectfully,

FRANK E. SHEPARD, Supt.

Don Branch
Acting Superintendent.

OH:B

December 26, 1930.

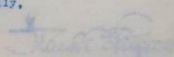
Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the following dies
for 1931 coinage, shipped on the 23d instant on Government
Bill of Lading No. T.113,513.

10	Obverse One Cent Dies, Nos. 51 to 60.
10	Reverse " " " " 51 " 60
10	Obverse Nickel Dies, Nos. 11 to 20
10	Reverse " " " " 11 " 20.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

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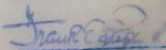
December 27, 1930.

Mr. Y. Y. Toy,
1604 East 18th St.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Sir:

Answering your letter of the 26th instant please be advised that this institution will purchase old jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100 and where the pure gold content is equal to approximately one fourth of the weight of the deposit. If your material will comply with the foregoing requirements, it may be sent here for purchase.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OH:B

December 27, 1930.

Mr. Richard Hospes,
2345 South Broadway,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 24th instant and replying thereto have to advise that if you desire to send the silver pieces referred to therein to this institution for examination I will be very glad to indicate to you what disposition may be made thereof in the premises. I may say that mutilated coin is only paid for at bullion value in which event it could, of course, be added to any consignment which you desire to forward to this institution. Pieces which are simply worn current and do not show an appreciable loss of metal are redeemed by the Federal Reserve Banks or branches at face value, but not by the Mint.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OH:B

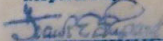
December 27, 1930.

The National State Bank,
Boulder, Colorado.

Sirs:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant, please be advised that your three kings upon receipt here weigh 4.67 troy ounces and do not appear to closely approximate the minimum value of deposits received for purchase - namely \$100. If you could send about two ounces more of similar material to be added to these three kings I should be glad to have you do so. In the event you cannot do this, please send me the necessary postage for the return of the three kings to you, the Mint not having any fund from which to defray this expense in advance. Please also include sufficient insurance.

Respectfully,



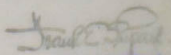
Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OH:B

December 30, 1930.

First National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Answering yours. Affidavit received twentysixth -
payment forwarded twentyninth.


Superintendent.

Collect at El Paso.

December 30, 1930.

Mr. Robert Moody, Jr.,
508 North 81st St.,
Seattle, Wash.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 22d instant I have to advise that memorial coins and special issues are not distributed from the Mints. The Oregon Trail memorial half dollars were authorized by Act of Congress dated May 17, 1926, and were issued by the Executive Committee of the Oregon Trail Memorial Association, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York. Perhaps the Director of the Mint at Washington, D. C., could advise you of the address of this association.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OH:B

December 30, 1930.

The North Side State Bank,
Rock Springs, Wyo.

For attention of
Mr. C. L. Agnew, Cashier.

Sirs:

Referring to your letter of the 27th inst. and accompanying nugget, which weighs upon receipt here 6.36 troy ounces, please be advised that the Mint does not accept deposits having a value under \$100. and as your consignment appears to contain considerably less than that amount I would suggest that you send \$10 or \$15 in gold to be added thereto in order that your deposit will comply with our requirements. If it is not convenient for you to do this, your nugget will be returned to you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OH:B

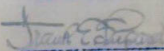
December 30, 1930.

Mrs. George N. Schneider,
Box 266,
Upton, Wyo.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 27th instant
I have to advise that this institution does not
deal in old coins or old money in any form nor pay
a premium thereon and I am unable to advise you
where you can ascertain the premium, if any, on
the money mentioned by you except from some reliable
coin dealer.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OH:B

December 30, 1930.

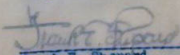
Mr. Ernest W. Lockett,
627 - 2d Ave.,
Havre, Mont.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 27th instant please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins nor have I any information as to what premiums may be paid thereon by coin collectors or numismatic dealers.

I would suggest that you obtain the address of some reliable dealer from whom you no doubt can obtain the desired information.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OH:B

December 30, 1930.

Camp Bird, Ltd.,
Curray, Colo.

For attention
Mr. Thos. H. Woods, Supt.

Sirs:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 25th instant, which was received here on the 27th instant, please be advised that in order to deposit all charges pertinent to deposits for the month, it is necessary that our books be closed several days before the end of each month and our December receipts were closed on the 26th of December. In view of the fact that this would defer payment for your deposit until the 2d of January I have deposited at the First National Bank of Denver an advance of approximately 90% of the value of your deposit, which I hope will be satisfactory to you. Check for the balance will be mailed on the 2d proximo.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OH:B

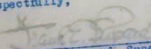
January 2, 1921

Miss Lura Tuthill,
1117 South Fifth Street,
Grand Junction, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Answering your note of the 31st ultimo, I have
to advise that the Mint does not deal in old coins nor
distribute any literature pertaining thereto.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:T

January 2, 1931

Mr. E. Boasberg,
General Delivery,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 31st ultimo
I have to advise that your consignment was received here
around noon on the 24th ultimo but owing to the fact that
it had to be remelted and a Sunday and holiday intervened
it was not possible to make liquidation until the 29th -
December when check in payment was forwarded you to New
Orleans in accordance with your instructions.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 2, 1931

Cheek Jewelry Company,
311 South Union Avenue,
Pueblo, Colorado.

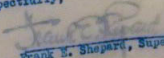
Gentlemen:

I have your letter and consignment under date of the 31st ultimo and have to advise that it appears your material will contain an excess of base metal - no deposits being received which contain 800 or more assay parts of a possible 1000 of metals other than gold and silver.

To render your consignment suitable for acceptance, it will be necessary for you to send at least 10 ounces of high grade silver and some additional gold as it is also necessary that your consignment have a value of at least \$100.

I am enclosing a circular which may be of some assistance to you in preparing your material for shipping to the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

January 2, 1931

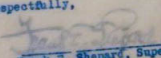
Miss Lela Bollinger,
4029 Oakwood Avenue,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo,
please be advised that all gold and silver coins of the
United States contain one-tenth part of their weight in
copper as an alloy - the gold pieces containing their ac-
tual value in gold when of legal weight. The value of
the bullion in the silver coins varies according to the
market value of silver.

I am enclosing a pamphlet showing you the weight
and fineness of the various coins of the United States
which will perhaps be of some help to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

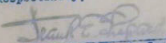
January 2, 1931

Mr. William C. Pakall,
911 - 18th Street,
Union City, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 27th ultimo enclosing money order for \$10 which I have to return herewith with the advice that application for new coins must be made direct to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D.C. in accordance with the circular enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

January 2, 1931

Mr. Joe Sullivan,
Entiat, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Your letter addressed to the "Denver Essay Company" has been referred to this institution - there being no office in Denver bearing such title.

So far as this institution is concerned, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make the various determinations desired by you and I would suggest that you correspond with some commercial assaying company of which the following are suggested.

Burlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence St., Denver, Colo.
J.W.Richards & Son, 1118 Nineteenth St. " "
Henry E.Wood Assaying Co., 1750 Arapahoe St., Denver, Colo.

In this connection please be advised that the Mint does not recommend any outside dealers and the above names are furnished simply as a matter of convenience to you.

Respectfully.

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

January 2, 1931

Mr. R. E. Dobson,
State Bridge Inspector,
Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 30th ultimo, I have to state that I do not quite understand the nature of the error which you say you have found on a one-cent bronze piece known as the Lincoln penny bearing the Denver Mint mark "D".

As you perhaps know, coinage dies usually strike from two hundred thousand to near a million pieces before becoming worn or defective and as these dies are all carefully examined before being forwarded here by the Mint at Philadelphia where they are manufactured, I do not see how only a portion of the date would show on the pieces struck, if the numbers referred to by you are a part of the date.

If you will send me an impression of this coin, or the coin itself, I may perhaps be able to explain the defect. However, should the coin prove to be counterfeit, the law requires that it be delivered to the Secret Service.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T

January 2, 1930

El Paso National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment of 10,000 Mexican pesos under your lot No. 228, an affidavit pertinent to which you enclosed with your letter, please be advised that when Mexican gold is received from the banks, it is necessary that such affidavit state that the gold has been acquired from citizens within the United States and in amounts of less than \$100.00 each, or when received from residents of Mexico that a Customs Entry Permit be forwarded to show that said gold has not been brought into the United States in violation of the tariff laws.

I would therefore suggest that if your bank has acquired this gold from residents of the United States and in amounts of less than \$100.00 each, that your affidavit be amended accordingly, or if from residents of Mexico that it be accompanied by a Customs Entry Permit showing that it has been properly declared to the United States Customs officials.

Your affidavit is therefore returned for such amendment as may be proper in the premises.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

January 2, 1931

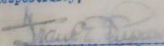
Hill City Service Station,
Hill City, South Dakota.

Gentlemen:

Answering your inquiry of the 31st ultimo, please be advised that this institution will purchase gold dust when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the pure gold content is equal to approximately one-fourth of the weight of the deposit - practically all sand and foreign substance to be removed.

Shipments should be forwarded with all transportation costs prepaid and be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 2, 1931

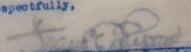
Mr. Frank Padilla,
Golden, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 31st ultimo and accompanying consignment weighing upon receipt here 4.24 troy ounces, and have to advise that a melting loss will likely occur in the melting of your material owing to its mercurial content which will render the prospect of your two lots when combined having a value less than \$100.00 in which case it would be necessary for me to reject your deposit and impose a melting charge of \$1.00 before it could be returned to you or be reentered after the receipt of additional material to be added thereto.

To save you this expense and to insure your deposit meeting our requirements, from which there can be no deviation, I would suggest that you forward at least one ounce of good gold for addition to these two lots when your shipments will be combined and payment forwarded you promptly.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:F

January 2, 1931

Mr. A. D. Kastner,
McDade, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo and have to say that there are so many conditions surrounding any enterprise into which one may enter for profit which determine either success or failure, that it would be very unwise for me to express any opinion as to what success you might have in undertaking the purchase of dental scrap gold and selling it to the Mint.

As a rule the dental scrap received at the Mint has an average value of about \$15.00 per troy ounce, but I judge the people who send it here are experienced in knowing what allowance to make for solder and other valueless material contained therein and what price they are able to pay for such material, taking into due consideration their expense in collecting it.

You are correct in stating that pure gold is worth \$20.67 per troy ounce and the Mint pays that price for all gold received in deposits, less a melting charge of \$1.00 for each 1000 ounces or fraction, and a further nominal charge which is based upon the base metal contained in such deposits.

I am enclosing a circular which may perhaps be of some use to you and should you undertake the work you have in mind you have my best wishes for your success.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

January 3, 1931

Chambers Optical Company,
12th & Walnut Streets,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo enclosing money order for \$1.00 and \$10.00 in currency, the money order covering our melting charge on your rejected deposit and your \$10.00 to make up the deficiency in the value of your deposit.

I regret to say that the Mint cannot under any circumstances purchase gold for addition to consignments for reasons which must be obvious to you.

Upon receipt of the necessary registry postage, I will return your \$10.00 and if you can send the necessary gold to increase the value of your deposit now at this institution to \$100.00, I shall be glad to have you do so.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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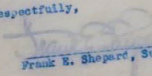
January 3, 1931

The American Medical & Dental Association,
700 Central Savings Bank Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 31st ultimo in the case of J. W. Driscoll, employee at this institution, please be advised that Mr. Driscoll advises me that he is now liquidating the indebtedness to which you refer by the payment of \$5.00 per month and he is unable to understand why you are now making complaint relative to this matter. He also advises me that he will call to see you concerning same at an early date.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 3, 1931

Golden Cycle Corporation,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 2nd instant and have to say in reply that owing to the necessity of making complete reports to Washington by the end of each month covering deposits received, the regulations require that monthly receipts be closed a few days prior to the end of the month and subsequent deposits received during the month be paid for and reported on the first of the succeeding month.

Our receipts for December were closed with deposits received on the 26th and as your shipment was not received until the 27th of December, the customary advance was made you and final payment and memorandum of returns mailed you on the 2nd instant, the 1st being a holiday. I have no doubt you have now received the latter and trust the delay has not caused you any inconvenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 3, 1931

Mr. Gus Badgley,
Cripple Creek, Colorado.

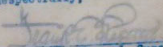
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment under your name, weighing upon receipt here 1.74 troy ounces as received, and have to advise that no deposits are received for purchase having a value under \$100.

It is also necessary that before consignments can be entered on our books and paid for they be accompanied by a letter of advice from the consignor.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance, your bottle with its contents will be returned to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 3, 1931

Mr. H. C. Towle,
Snyder, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a small deposit under your name without a letter of advice, which is always necessary when forwarding consignments to this institution, and have to advise that no deposits are received for purchase having a value under \$100.00. Your consignment weighs 29/100ths of a troy ounce and, of course, is far too low in value for acceptance and will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

January 3, 1931

Chambers Optical Company,
12th & Walnut Streets,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo enclosing money order for \$1.00 and \$10.00 in currency, the money order covering our melting charge on your rejected deposit and your \$10.00 to make up the deficiency in the value of your deposit.

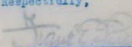
I regret to say that the Mint cannot under any circumstances purchase gold for addition to consignments for reasons which must be obvious to you.

Upon receipt of the necessary registry postage, I will return your \$10.00 and if you can send the necessary gold to increase the value of your deposit now at this institution to \$100.00, I shall be glad to have you do so.

I note in the last paragraph of your letter of the 30th ultimo that you desire gold bars in payment of your deposit in lieu of the check as previously requested and have to advise that gold bars can only be issued in payment of deposit which contains at least \$100.00 value in gold and as the value of your consignment consists partly of silver and its total

value after adding the ten dollars in gold which you have been requested to forward will not be but a very little over \$100.00. I would suggest that you send about \$25.00 in gold for addition thereto instead of \$10.00 as previously requested if you desire gold bars in exchange. If, however, you wish to waive the payment in gold bars, \$10.00 additional in gold will no doubt be sufficient to close this transaction.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

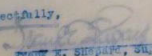
January 5, 1931

Mr. Al W. Hanson,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 18th instant in which you were advised that your consignment had been rejected and that it would be necessary for you to send some additional material here to bring its value up to our requirements, and also that our melting charge of \$1.00 would have to be paid before your shipment could be reentered as a new deposit, I have to advise that the additional material forwarded by you has been received but I cannot proceed to treat your bullion until the melting charge of \$1.00 has been paid. You are therefore requested to forward me money order for that amount - the regulations not permitting such charges to be paid out of the proceeds of deposits.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 3, 1931

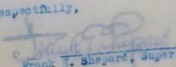
Mr. Frank Sanborn,
Gillette, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant, I have to say that if you have at least \$100.00 worth of gold dust, practically free from rock and sand, it may be sent here for purchase. The Mint will pay \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold, less the customary Mint charges.

Regarding your rock, the Mint cannot handle this and it will have to be treated by some smelter.

Respectfully,


Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

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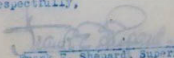
January 5, 1931

Mr. Emil Soukup,
Route 3, Box 40,
Ellsworth, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo, I have to advise that the Mint does not make assays of mineral bearing ore but reliable work of this kind, however, can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, money order for the proper amount payable to that office to accompany your samples.- a piece about as large as your fist being sufficient.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Gardner Agency.
Denver, Colo

UNITED STATES MINT at Denver, Colorado. Jan. 5, 1931

Respectfully returned with the advice that Elmer S. Smith was re-
tired from the service on account of superannuation at the close of
business December 31, 1930.

Frank E. Shepard
Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

January 5, 1930

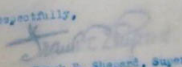
Josten Manufacturing Company,
Owatonna, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing copy of my letter to you under date of the 24th ultimo in reference to your deposit No. 237 which upon receipt here varied considerably in weight from the amount stated in your invoice.

Will you please advise me if I shall proceed to treat this material upon the Mint weight and oblige

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

Enclosure

January 5, 1931

Mr. W. M. Carr,
Morris, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I have your small consignment and regret to advise you that the Mint does not accept deposits for purchase having a minimum value under \$100.00 and as your material only weighs 30/100ths of a troy ounce, it would not, of course, anywhere near approximate the value required.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your material will be returned to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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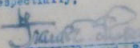
January 6, 1931

Mr. Everett Taylor,
920 South Plum Street,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 5th instant, please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins and I regret that I am unable to give you any information on this subject.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

January 6, 1930

Rebuilt Watch Company,
159 North State Street,
C/o Security Deposit Company,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your consignment and have to advise that under the regulations no deposits are received which contain 800 or more assay parts of base metal out of a possible 1000 and upon examining your material I note that it is practically all filled ware and would very likely not meet the foregoing requirement. I would therefore suggest that you send at least 10 ounces of good silver to increase its precious metal content and if you have any doubt about its containing \$100.00 in value, I would suggest that you send enough good gold to bring its value up to that amount as it is also necessary that deposits having a value under \$100.00 be rejected.

I am enclosing a circular from which you will note the conditions under which deposits are received at this institution.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

January 7, 1931

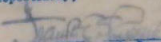
Fort Worth Smelting & Refining Company,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment of the 3rd instant, I regret to advise that after melting and assaying same I find that its value will be in the neighborhood of \$95.00 before our charges have been deducted and under the regulations I am compelled to reject this deposit as it falls below the minimum received, namely, \$100.

Under these conditions it will be necessary for you to send me a money order for \$1.00 to pay the charges for work performed up to the time this bullion has been rejected and if you desire to resenter it as a new deposit, kindly send the necessary additional material for that purpose.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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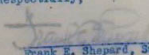
January 7, 1931

Mrs. W. E. Lain,
Altus, Oklahoma. Box 502

Dear Madam:

Replying to your inquiry of the 3rd instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not make analyses of
mineral bearing rock and sand but reliable work can be done
for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake
City, Utah, at a charge for each sample of \$1.00 for gold,
\$1.00 for silver, \$1.50 for lead, \$2.00 for copper and
\$2.00 for zinc - money order for the proper amount pay-
able to that office to accompany your samples.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 7, 1931

Dr. Walter W. Cecil,
Milburn Building,
Harrison, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

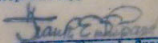
Referring to your consignment under date of the 5th instant, I regret to say that your material which weighs upon receipt here 2.87 troy ounces, including the teeth, does not contain sufficient value for acceptance by the Mint - no deposits being received having a value under \$100.

If you can send about 7 ounces more of gold which would bring the value of your deposit up to the required amount, I should be very glad to have you do so. If this is not convenient, however, your material will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

In the future kindly remove all teeth, etc., from your gold before forwarding it to the Mint.

I am enclosing a circular which may be of some use to you in preparing shipments for the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

January 7, 1931

Mr. C. Clyde Harding,
Cienega Mining Company,
420 Roberts-Barner Building,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 5th instant and in reply have to advise that at the present time gold of Mexican origin is only accepted for purchase from responsible persons residing in the United States who are required to furnish an affidavit certifying as to the source from which the gold has been obtained; that it has not been stolen; that they are the owners of the gold and that it is being offered for sale to the Mint for their own account and not for the account of any other person, and that they guarantee title to the gold to the United States Government. It is also necessary that the gold be properly declared to the United States Custom Officials and that appropriate evidence of such declaration be attached to affidavit.

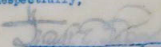
Affidavits by corporations should be executed by an officer thereof who should recite in the affidavit that he has been duly authorized to execute it. Affidavits of partnership should be executed by a member of the firm who should show in affidavit that the firm is a partnership and that he is a member of the firm.

Upon receipt of such affidavit covering the above re-

quirements, duly signed before a Notary Public, your gold will be accepted for purchase.

Gold bullion 250 assay parts fine will be accepted when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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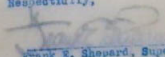
January 8, 1930

Mr. Frank Waggoner,
804 Peach Street,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 6th instant, please be advised that the Government does not deal in old coins nor ever pay a premium thereon and I am therefore unable to give you any information as to what premium, if any, is paid by private coin collectors on the one-cent bronze piece known as the Indian head penny.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 8, 1931

Mr. R. E. Dobson,
Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 6th instant enclosing the one-cent bronze piece referred to in former correspondence and have to advise that this coin has been mutilated and some of the minerals scraped off as can be plainly seen with a strong magnifying glass. You will also note that some of the letters of the word "LIBERTY" have been removed changing the word "LIBERTY" to "BERTY."

It would be impossible for a die to be made up in this fashion as the working dies are made from a master die by a mechanical process which transfers every mark on the master die and all coins are carefully examined with a strong glass for any imperfections.

I am returning your coin herewith. Of course, you know there is a severe penalty attached to the fraudulent passing of coins of the United States to which any metal has been added or removed and I would therefore suggest that you keep this piece in your possession and not attempt to pass it in any manner as a legitimate coin.

Respectfully,


FRANK E. SHEPARD, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

January 8, 1931

Mr. J. M. Reynolds,
Mercedes, Texas.

Dear Sir:

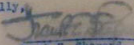
I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th instant in reference to your shipment of some gold, silver, gold filled scrap and platinum and have to advise in regard to the platinum that the Mint does not purchase such metal nor undertake to separate it when forwarded with gold and silver deposits. As this could only be done by putting the metals through our refinery, it would not be feasible in separate lots.

An examination of your material does not disclose that the amount of platinum contained therein would have an appreciable value and under your instructions I take it that you are willing to waive the value of this metal contained in your shipment and have proceeded to treat same.

In regard to the coins, I regret to say that they are so badly melted and fused it would be impossible for me to accept them except for their bullion value. Uncurrent coin is redeemed at the Federal Reserve Banks at face value but coins which are badly mutilated are redeemed only at their bullion value.

Trusting my action in regard to your deposit is satisfactory,
I am, with kind regards for 1931

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

January 8, 1931

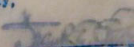
Mr. Stewart Campbell,
Inspector of Mines,
State of Idaho,
Boise, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 5th instant, I have
to advise that the following deposits were received and credited to
the State of Idaho during the calendar year 1930:

		Fine Ounces	
		Gold	Silver
Feb. 4	W.K.Martz, Littleton, Colo.		
	(Open ground placer)	6.988	2.42
" 26	Ditto	5.139	1.40
Apr. 7	Lone Pine Mine, Golden, Idaho ...	23.443	10.63
" 21	Ditto	27.560	10.50
May 2	Ditto	44.765	20.39
" 12	Ditto	24.934	11.30
Jun. 27	Ditto	13.661	6.31
Aug. 6	Ditto	34.421	14.76
" 20	Ditto	44.401	19.23
Sep. 2	Ditto	29.656	12.90
15	Ditto	45.450	19.95
27	Ditto	24.792	10.56
Oct. 13	Hugh Coppinger, Denver, (Family Lode)	110.253	13.56
" 14	Lone Pine Mine, Golden, Idaho ...	61.743	25.87
Nov. 11	Ditto	34.055	14.69
" 19	Ditto	23.869	24.54
TOTAL		585.025	219.06

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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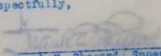
January 8, 1931

Mrs. Lawrence Woltkamp,
Seneca, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 6th instant and in reply have to advise that the Mint does not deal in old coins or have any literature pertaining thereto for distribution, nor am I able to inform you of the addresses of any dealers. Perhaps you could find the name of some of these in the advertising section of the magazines.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 9, 1931

Mr. Lawrence Badgley,
Cripple Creek, Colorado. P.O. Box 395.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 8th instant in reference to your small consignment now at this institution and have to say that while the Mint some years ago accepted deposits having a value considerably under \$100.00, the regulations now require that all deposits of smaller amount be not accepted. If your consignment would even approximate that amount, I would be glad to waive the regulations in order to help you out of your difficulties but your small amount of gold has a value so far below the amount required I do not feel that it would be proper for me to reduce the minimum to the low value it would contain.

If you wish, I shall be glad to turn your shipment over to a local bullion dealer, such as Carl Blaurock, Mack Building, or Burlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, both in this city, for purchase with instructions to make returns direct to you. Should I undertake to do this, please be advised that the Mint cannot accept any responsibility for the returns made you by an outside dealer as in turning deposits over to them, the Mint does it simply as a matter of accommodation to depositors, and cannot, of course, assume any responsibility in the matter. Should you

wish me to do this, please write me a letter of authority to delivery your consignment to one of the above dealers and I will request such dealer to make the best returns possible to you under the conditions.

I am returning the express receipts enclosed with your letter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

January 2, 1931

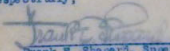
Mr. H. G. Towle,
Snyder, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 6th instant,
I have this day returned to you by registered mail the
small amount of gold forwarded by you to this institution
for purchase, using the 25¢ postage enclosed with your let-
ter as follows:

Postage	2¢
Registry fee	15¢
Stamps returned	8¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

January 9, 1930

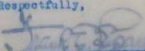
Mr. J. W. Fell,
Weldon, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant, I have to advise that gold ore is not acceptable at the Mint as a deposit owing to the fact the Mint has no facilities for treating such material .

If your nuggets would have a value of \$100.00 which is the minimum value of deposits received, I should be glad to have you forward them here for purchase.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 9, 1931

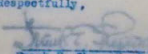
Mr. C. E. Downtain,
Treasurer, San Miguel County,
Telluride, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 7th instant I have to advise that the following deposits by Paul Nardin from the Nellie Mine of San Miguel County were received at this institution during the years 1929 and 1930:

2/16/29	23.30 troy ounces, gross	- Value	\$175.33
11/7/30	40.98 " " "	"	577.27

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 9, 1931

Mr. J. R. Chitwood,
Aspen, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th instant and accompanying consignment, weighing upon receipt here 2.11 troy ounces, having a value by you of \$75.00.

With reference to this deposit, please be advised that under the regulations only such deposits as have a value of at least \$100.00 may be accepted for purchase and I estimate that your material would not exceed \$25.00.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your gold will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

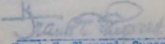
January 9, 1931

Bayler Dental College,
Attention: Mr. F. W. Hinds,
1420 Hall Street,
Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the wrapper but have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining to this deposit which is necessary before your consignment can be entered on our books and treated. I have therefore to request that you will write me promptly concerning this material.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 9, 1931

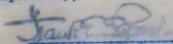
Mr. William Brown,
Prille, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your postal card of the 6th instant, please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins nor have any literature on this subject for distribution.

Regretting my inability to assist you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 10, 1931

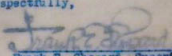
Mr. Louis L. Osmer,
602 - 12th Street,
Silver City, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 7th instant, please be advised that the Mint will purchase you gold retorts when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and pay for same at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained therein, less the customary Mint charge of \$1.00 for melting each 1000 ounces or fraction and a nominal treatment charge which varies according to the fineness of the gold.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject and will no doubt be of assistance to you when forwarding your material to the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 12, 1931

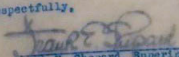
Mr. Charles E. Auer,
P. O. Box No. 811,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 9th instant and as requested am enclosing a copy of our printed table of charges applying to deposits at this institution which will give you the various charges imposed thereon. You will note that bullion having a base metal content of 510 assay parts would carry a parting and refining charge of $5\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per gross ounce or fraction. To this there would be added the melting charges in the first paragraph of the circular.

If your client anticipates the shipment of gold produced in Mexico an affidavit would have to be furnished by him in accordance with my letter to you on the same subject. If he is a citizen of Mexico, the Mint could not accept an affidavit covering his consignment nor accept it for deposit.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

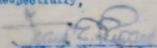
January 12, 1931

Chambers Optical Company,
12th & Walnut Streets,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Referring to the ten dollars in currency forwarded to this institution under date of December 30th in connection with your deposit at this institution, I am returning your ten dollars herewith as requested.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

January 12, 1931

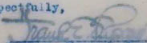
Mr. Robert Goss,
Leadville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your small consignment which weighs upon receipt here 39/100ths of a troy ounce, please be advised that the Mint does not accept deposits having a value less than \$100.00 and I regret that I cannot therefore purchase your button and nugget.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your gold will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

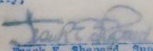
January 15, 1931

Mr. E. L. Yeager,
C/o Yeager Battery Station,
Frederick, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 13th instant enclosing a dime concerning which you are in doubt as to its genuineness, and have to advise that this dime fails to ring distinctly because of the fact that it is split around the edge and I am enclosing a good piece in its place.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

Enclosure

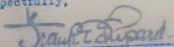
January 13, 1931

Messrs. Kies & Butler,
1360 Central Avenue,
Dubuque, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a package valued at \$200.00 bearing your name on the outside but to date have not received from you a letter of advice concerning this deposit which is necessary before it can be entered on our books and treated. I have therefore to request that you will write me promptly concerning this consignment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 15, 1931

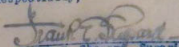
Mr. Lloyd Thornburg,
Lowell, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a package of soft rock with your name on the inside but to date have not received from you a letter of advice concerning this material. I presume you have forwarded it here for assay and have to advise that this institution does not do work of that kind, although reliable assays can be made for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, each sample, money order for the proper amount payable to that office to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the sample you have forwarded here, please send me the necessary postage.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

January 18, 1931

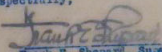
Mr. Frank Sanburn,
Gillette, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a package containing iron grains bearing your name but to date have not received a letter of advice from you concerning this material. I presume you have forwarded it here for assay and have to advise that this institution does not do work of that kind, although reliable assays can be made for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge for each sample of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, money order for the proper amount payable to that office to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the sample which you have forwarded here, please send the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 18, 1931

M. Uhler Company,
162 North State Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

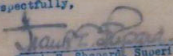
Gentlemen:

Referring to your deposit under date of the 10th instant, I regret to say that after melting and assaying this material I find that its value before deducting the Mint's charges will be in the neighborhood of \$95.00.

Owing to the fact that this deposit does not contain the minimum value of \$100.00, it will have to be rejected and the Mint's charges up to the time of its rejection imposed, amounting to \$2.00. I have therefore to request that you will send me a money order for \$2.00 in payment of these charges and if you desire to reenter your material as a deposit, please send the necessary additional material to bring its value up to the required amount - it being necessary, however, that the Mint's charges be paid before it can be reentered.

Kindly advise me of your wishes at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 14, 1931

The Golden Cycle Corporation,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Attention: Mr. F.W. Charlson,
Chief Clerk

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th instant in reference to the returns made you on your bars Nos. 7615 to 7617, inclusive, and have to advise that the value of your bar No. 7615 as stated on my memo of returns is correct but a typographical error was inadvertently made in indicating the fineness of said bar which should read "943 $\frac{1}{2}$ " instead of "943 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

I regret very much that this error should have occurred and am enclosing a corrected copy of my report on the above bars and trust no inconvenience has been caused you in the matter.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

January 14, 1931

Dr. C. F. Hegner,

Metropolitan Bldg., Denver, Colo.

Lincoln E. Spangler

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male

white

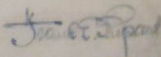
Storekeeper

United States Mint

Denver, Colorado.

January 14, 1931

Fore part of both legs scraped from knee down by falling
sheet iron.



Superintendent

Denver, Colorado.

January 14, 1931

Mr. Sam Rogers,
Helper, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of the 11th instant, please be advised that this institution is not equipped to make analyses of mineral bearing specimens and I would suggest that you write to the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, advising that office as to the nature of your metal and the determinations desired by you, upon receipt of which information that office will advise you of the costs pertaining to such work.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 14, 1931

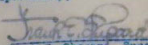
Mr. Stewart Campbell,
Inspector of Mines,
State of Idaho,
Boise, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 12th instant and in reply have to advise that Mr. Hugh Coppinger does not appear to have a permanent address in this city, having stopped at the Oxford Hotel at the time he made his last deposit at this institution. Upon looking up his "Source of Production" card, I find that the Family Lode is located in Lemhi County, near Salmon City, Idaho.

Trusting this information will answer your purpose, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 14, 1931

Mr. George H. Rents,
749 Plymouth Building,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant, I have to advise that this institution will accept for purchase your rolled plate provided its precious metal content will have a value of at least \$100.00 and if the precious metal content (gold or silver or both) of your consignment will equal approximately one-fourth of its weight.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 15, 1931

Mr. P. W. Becherer,
108 East Main Street,
Belleville, Illinois.

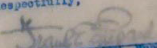
Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 13th instant, I have to advise that the Mint will purchase gold filled scrap when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the precious metal content (gold or silver or both) equals approximately one-fourth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint imposes a melting charge of \$1.00 for each 1000 ounces or fraction and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction, and there is also a nominal treatment charge which varies according to the base metal content of each deposit.

I am enclosing you a circular which will probably be of some help to you in preparing your consignments to the Mint and have to call your attention to the fact that each deposit must be accompanied by a letter of advice before it can be entered on our books.

Respectfully,


FRANK E. SHEPARD, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

January 15, 1931

Belmont Smelting & Refining Works, Inc.,
General Offices, 330 Belmont Avenue,
Post Office Station, "E",
Brooklyn, New York.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 12th instant, please
be advised that the Mint is not in the market at the pres-
ent time for any of the virgin metals referred to by you.
Should I need a quotation on any of these metals in the near
future or at a later date, formal proposal will be forward-
ed you as usual.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 16, 1931

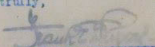
Mr. W. M. Carr,
Norris, Montana.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 10th instant, I have this day returned to you by insured mail the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this institution for purchase, using the 24¢ enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	3¢
Insurance	5¢
Stamps returned	16¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

January 16, 1931

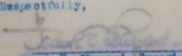
Dr. Walter W. Cecil,
Milburn Building,
Harrison, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 10th instant I have this day returned to you by insured mail the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this institution for purchase, using the 10¢ enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	4½¢
Insurance	10 ¢
Stamps returned	3½¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

January 16, 1930

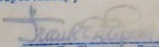
William Levitt Jewelry Company,
116 East Douglas Street,
Wichita, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the wrapper but to date have not received from you a letter of advice relative to this shipment.

As deposits are not entered on our books and treated without a letter of advice, I have to request that you will write me promptly concerning this consignment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 16, 1931

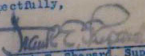
Mr. James W. Goff,
1765 Emerson Street,
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir:

On the 12th instant you were granted three days leave. You failed to return to your work yesterday morning and were absent without authority and during your short visit at the Mint you were advised that you could not absent yourself longer without satisfactory arrangements being made by you promptly, in the absence of which your pay would be stopped at the close of business on January 15th.

You promised to return during the afternoon and make such arrangements and as you failed to do so and have not reported for duty, I am now formally advising you that you are absent without authority and your pay has been stopped as above stated and it will be necessary for you to return promptly and satisfactorily explain your conduct.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 17, 1931

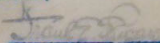
Mr. C. W. Eckert, Sr.,
718 High Street,
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 14th instant enclosing money order for 50¢ for which you desire uncirculated one cent bronze pieces issued in 1930 by this institution and have to advise that under regulations of the Treasury Department, application for new coins must be made direct to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.

Enclosed you will find a circular which will give you further information regarding your application.

Respectfully


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T
Money Order returned herewith

January 19, 1931

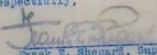
Mr. J. R. Chitwood,
Box 622, Aspen, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 15th instant,
I have this day returned to you by registered mail the small
amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase,
using the money order for 50¢ enclosed with your letter as
follows:

Postage	8¢
Registration fee	15¢
Stamps herewith	27¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

January 19, 1931

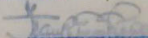
Miss Elizabeth Merrill,
Corinne, Utah.

Dear Miss Merrill:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 15th instant and accompanying nuggets, weighing upon receipt here 55/100-ths of a troy ounce, and have to advise that the Mint does not purchase gold in such small quantities - \$100.00 being the minimum amount accepted for purchase.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your nuggets will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 19, 1931

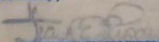
Miss Madeline Lynch,
Parson, Wyoming,

Dear Miss Lynch:

I am in receipt of your note and accompanying outline of coins in your possession and have to advise that the Mint does not deal in old coins nor pay a premium thereon and I am therefore unable to be of any help to you in this matter.

Owing to the fact that the Mint does not deal in these articles, I have no list of dealers who might be interested in such coins but I would suggest that you look through the advertising section of some of the larger magazines where you no doubt will find the names of some who may be able to assist you in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 19, 1931

Mr. J. M. Belisle,
Ophir, Colorado.

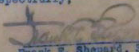
Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 16th instant, which you state weighs 9 ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here your material weighs 7.34 troy ounces and owing to this discrepancy in weight I am awaiting your instructions to proceed to treat this material. I have therefore to request that you will advise me promptly.

In this connection I have to state that \$100.00 is the minimum value of deposit received for purchase and if you have any doubts concerning your material containing that value, I would suggest that you send a small additional quantity to be added thereto. Should I proceed to treat your material and find its value less than the amount stated, it will be necessary to reject your deposit and impose the Mint charges incurred up to the time of its rejection.

I am enclosing a "Source of Production" card and have to request that you will supply the information requested thereon and return to me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

January 19, 1931

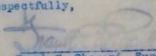
Mr. Clifford B. Clark,
Miantic, Conn. Box 150.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant, please be advised that the entire stock of one-cent bronze pieces of 1922 coinage issued by this institution has been entirely exhausted, not one remaining on hand at the present time.

The four one-cent stamps enclosed with your letter are returned herewith.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T
Enclosure

January 20, 1931

The Diamond Cab Company,
205 Central Avenue,
Great Falls, Montana.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your note of the 18th instant, you
are advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins nor
pay a premium thereon.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard
Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

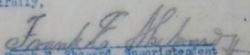
January 20, 1931

Mr. C. C. Blaylock,
Glade, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of the 19th instant, you
are advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins nor
pay a premium thereon.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 20, 1931

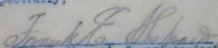
Mr. Frank Sanburn,
Cillette, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 17th instant,
I have this day returned to you by insured mail the material
forwarded by you to this institution for assay, using the 50¢
in stamps enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	16¢
Insurance fee	25¢
Stamps returned herewith	7¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

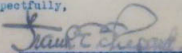
January 21, 1931

Montana Laboratory Company,
Philipsburg, Montana.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment of recent date, I have to advise that no deposits are entered on our books and treated unless accompanied by a letter of advice and as I have not heard from you concerning this shipment, I would appreciate your writing me promptly regarding the material which you have forwarded here.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 21, 1921

Mr. T. M. Phelps,
Seminole, Oklahoma, Box No. 185.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant and also the bottle of metal which you are under the impression consists of gold and have to advise that the material contained in the bottle is brass filings and therefore has no value.

As this institution has received several consignments of a similar nature during the past year, I would appreciate your advising me as to the source from which you obtained these filings in order that proper steps may be taken to discontinue their shipment to the Mint.

If you desire these filings returned to you, please forward me the necessary postage at your earliest convenience, together with such insurance as may be necessary.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 21, 1931

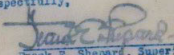
Mr. D. E. Lipsky,
910 Wyandotte Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your recent consignment to this institution you are advised that your material upon receipt here weighs 15.61 troy ounces instead of 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ ounces as noted on your card.

Before proceeding to treat this shipment, I have to request that you will advise me if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 21, 1931

The L. L. Cooke Schools,
Attention: Mr. E.V. Sanderson, Mgr. Collection Dept.,
2132-58 Lawrence Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 17th instant in reference to your claim against Singleton Harris, an employee of this institution, and in reply have to advise that Mr. Harris has been steadily employed here since his original appointment in the early part of 1925. I am not familiar with his personal affairs beyond knowing that he has a wife and several children to support and therefore cannot express any opinion as to his ability to meet his obligations with your concern out of his moderate stipend but I believe him to be a trustworthy man.

I have called Mr. Harris' attention to your letter and he advises me that he will take the matter up with you promptly.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 21, 1931

Mr. C. E. Hubble,
Crescent City, California.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 17th instant, I have to advise that this institution will purchase gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, where the pure gold content is equal to at least one-fourth of the weight of the deposit and when all foreign substances, such as rock, sand, etc., have been removed. The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and deposits are usually paid for on the second or third day after their receipt.

Answering your question as to the amount of bullion necessary to make a \$20 gold piece, I have to advise that all gold coins contain their face value in pure gold. The \$20 gold piece contains 464.4 grains of pure gold and 51.6 grains alloy copper when of standard weight.

Bullion may be shipped by express or by insured parcel post, as the depositor may wish, and payment may be made in gold coin or by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Circular enclosed

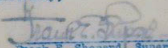
January 22, 1921

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your voucher
check No. 4943, in amount \$1.94, covering commission on col-
lection from telephone booth Main-9972, for the period Decem-
ber 11, 1920, to January 15, 1921.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

January 22, 1931

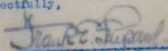
Mr. Lawrence Badgley,
Cripple Creek, Colorado. P.O.Box 395

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 20th instant, I have to say that your small consignment received at this institution was in accordance with your request turned over to Carl Blaurock, Mack Building, this city, on the 16th instant with the request that he write you promptly concerning your material and make returns therefor direct to you.

I telephoned Mr. Blaurock this morning and he advises me that he wrote you on the 19th instant and I have no doubt you have now received his communication.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

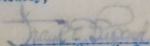
January 22, 1931

Mr. Marilyn H. Alexander,
703 - 13th Street,
Greeley, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your deposit at this institution I have to advise that after melting and assaying it I find that its value will fall considerably below the minimum value of deposit received for purchase and I am therefore compelled to reject it and impose the charges which have been incurred up to that time amounting to \$1.00. I have therefore to request that you will remit the amount of these charges at your earliest opportunity and advise me as to your wishes regarding the disposition of your bullion.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 22, 1921

Mr. J. E. Ellison,
318 - 6th Street,
Marietta, Ohio.

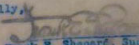
Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 20th instant, I have to advise that gold bullion of Mexican origin cannot be accepted by the Mint unless it is accompanied by an affidavit certifying as to the origin of the bullion; that it has not been stolen, and also that it has been properly declared to the United States Custom officials at one of the ports along the Mexican border.

In view of the fact that you state the bullion to which you have reference is supposed to have been stolen from Mexico, I do not see how it would be possible for you to comply with the necessary requirements of this institution in order to dispose of this bullion to the Mint.

Due to the fact that there are numerous instances where parties have obtained money in advance for the recovery of gold bullion supposed to have been buried in the United States, I would suggest that you proceed carefully before making payment of any money in an enterprise of that kind.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
2¢ stamp returned.

January 22, 1931

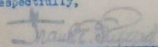
Mr. James E. Cramer, Secretary-Treasurer
Overgeek Trust Company,
Ridgefield Park, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 19th instant and in reply please be advised that our stock of one-cent bronze pieces of 1922 coinage has been entirely exhausted and I regret that I cannot therefore comply with your request.

The stamped envelope and penny enclosed with your letter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

January 22, 1931

Mr. M. F. Golberg,
6536 South Locais Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois.

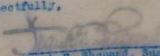
Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 19th instant, I have to advise that it appears doubtful if the combined mass of your different lots will contain enough of the precious metals to meet our requirements of at least 200 assay parts out of a possible 1000 of gold and silver, this requirement being necessary in addition to that it shall also have a value of at least \$100.

It appears probable that your material will have a value of \$100.00 although that fact cannot be stated definitely until your material has been treated.

I would suggest that you send at least 10 ounces more of good silver to be added to your consignment and your various lots will then be melted and fine silver returned you equivalent to the amount contained in your deposit as requested by you - check being issued for the gold content.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

U.S.T

January 23, 1931

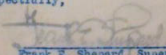
Mr. Roland B. Rogers,
61 Sycamore Street,
Springfield, Mass.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your request for a set of one-cent bronze pieces from 1909 to date, Denver Mint coinage, please be advised that this institution did not manufacture any coins of that denomination until 1911 and at the present time only the 1929, 1930 and 1931 coinage is available for distribution. These can only be obtained, however, upon application to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C. - your application to be made as indicated in the enclosed circular.

Your stamped envelope is returned herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

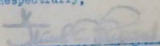
January 23, 1931

Mr. C. Clyde Harding,
420 Roberts-Banner Building,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 21st instant
I am enclosing copy of table of charges applying on de-
posits at this institution, dated and effective May 1st,
1930.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

January 23, 1931

Miss Elizabeth Merrill,
Corinne, Utah.

Dear Miss Merrill:

With reference to your small consignment at this institution and your note of the 21st instant, please be advised that owing to the very small value contained in your nuggets, it would be improper for me to buy them from you when the regulations require that no deposits shall be received for purchase when their minimum value falls below \$100.

To assist you in this matter I will be glad to turn your nuggets over to a local bullion dealer such as Burlingame & Parker, 1910 Lawrence Street, or Carl Blaurock, Mack Building, both of this city for purchase if you so desire, requesting them to make returns direct to you but please understand that the Mint cannot accept any responsibility for such returns as you may receive and this action is taken only as a matter of accommodation to you.

These dealers are believed to be reliable but the Mint does not recommend any outside dealers in any case. If you desire me to do this, kindly designate the one to which you desire your bullion delivered writing me a letter of authority to so deliver it and your request will be complied with.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 24, 1921.

The Fort Worth Smelting & Refining Co.,
1316-20 Arcade Place,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 22d instant and have to advise that the deposit in question - weighing upon receipt here 14.66 Troy ounces - was received on the 9th instant and on the 10th instant check was drawn on the Treasurer of the United States in amount \$192.58, and mailed as usual to the Continental National Bank of Fort Worth for your credit and duplicate memo of returns mailed to you - all in accordance with your instructions relative to the payment of this deposit.

Please ascertain from the Continental National Bank of your city if this remittance was received for your credit and in the event it has not been received, advise me promptly and request will be made of the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., to stop payment on this check and to take the customary steps pertinent to the issuance of a duplicate.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

January 24, 1931.

Mr. E. M. Ballard,
Bumble Bee,
Arizona.

Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of January 21st which you state weighs seven and a fraction ounces, please be advised that when received here your material weighs 6.85 Troy ounces and I am in doubt if it will contain the minimum value which deposits must have in order to be accepted for purchase, namely \$100.

I have to request that you will please advise me promptly if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you and also, if possible, that you will send a small additional quantity of similar material to be added to your shipment in order that it will contain the minimum value of our deposits.

Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Your poke is herewith returned as requested.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

January 26, 1931.

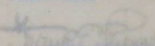
The Herring National Bank,
Vernon, Texas.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of the 23d instant enclosing one Mexican Cincopesos, please be advised that deposits of foreign gold coin are not accepted for purchase except in lots having a minimum value of \$100 under which circumstances I regret to say I cannot purchase your coin.

Upon receipt of the necessary registry postage, your coin will be returned to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

January 26, 1931.

Colorado Springs National Bank,
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 24th instant and under separate cover your small consignment of gold dust weighing upon receipt here 1.21 Troy ounces, I regret to say that the Mint cannot purchase this gold owing to the fact that no deposits are received for purchase having a value under \$100.

If you can send sufficient gold to bring your consignment up to that value I should be glad to have you do so, otherwise I have to request that you send me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your dust.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

January 26, 1931.

Mr. Richard Leiner,
Telluride, Colo.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your retort weighing upon receipt here 10.65 Troy ounces and have to advise that before this shipment can be entered upon our books and paid for it will be necessary for you to state that this gold was actually produced by you from the Lone Star Mining claim, situated in upper San Miguel mining district, Colorado, and whether you are the owner, lessee, superintendent or workman, on that mine. You will also please state when this gold was mined from the Lone Star mine and guarantee title to this gold to the United States Mint.

Upon receipt of a satisfactory statement from you containing the above information payment will be promptly forwarded you.

Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

CH-B

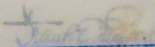
January 26, 1931.

Mr. Wesley A. Jordan,
1425 Broadway,
Galveston, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 24th instant I have to advise that the Mint is unable to supply you with any of the coins mentioned in your letter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

OH-B

January 27, 1931

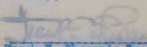
Mr. E. C. Hansen,
Fredericksburg, Texas.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your bottle of mercurial washings, please be advised that the Mint does not accept deposits having a value under \$100.00 nor where the mercurial content has not been thoroughly driven off.

Please send me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this bottle and its contents to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 27, 1931

Mr. William Jones,
Lovington, New Mexico.

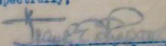
Dear Sir:

Referring to the pieces of rock forwarded by you with your letter of the 22nd instant, please be advised that while the Mint does not make analyses of such material, it does not appear that your rock contains any of the precious metals.

Should you desire to have your material analyzed, I would suggest that you send samples to the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, which will make gold and silver determinations at the rate of \$1.00 for each metal - money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the sample which you have forwarded here, please send me the necessary postage.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 27, 1931

Mr. Rud. Kohler,
70 Fifth Street,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 24th instant I have to advise that during the calendar year 1930 this institution coined only the One-cent bronze pieces of which it manufactured \$401,000.

No commemorative coins were received for melting during the year.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T

January 27, 1931

Mr. T. M. Phelps,
Seminole, Oklahoma. Box 185

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 23rd instant,
I have this day returned to you the bottle of brass filings
forwarded by you to this Mint, using the 20¢ in stamps en-
closed with your letter as follows:

Postage	4¢
Insurance	5¢
Stamps returned.....	10¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

January 27, 1931

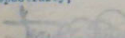
Mr. B. E. Wylie
Nevada City, California, Box 943

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter of the 22nd instant, please be advised that no deposits have been received at the Mint from any of the parties whose names were submitted by you, nor have any deposits been received which would appear to have any relation to the matter mentioned in your letter.

I will keep the names furnished by you on file and should a deposit be received from any one of them you will be promptly advised.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

January 27, 1931

El Paso National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

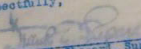
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a consignment from you Lot No. 229, which weighs upon receipt here 165.50 troy ounces although invoiced by you as weighing 176 ounces for the account of Benito Solis.

As it appears from the papers attached to your invoice slip that this bullion has a value of only \$70.00, the Mint cannot accept this consignment as all deposits must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and in addition to which they must be accompanied by an affidavit, with the provisions of which you are familiar, when the bullion has been produced in Mexico.

Kindly advise me as to what disposition you desire made of this bullion.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

January 27, 1931

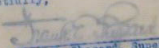
Mr. H. Levine,
8515 Third Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 19th instant and replying to your question: "How many gold coins can be coined out of 1 kilogram of pure gold, each gold coin containing $900/5332$ of a gram?", I have to say that 1 kilogram of pure gold will make 5924.1 coins, each coin weighing $900/5332$ of a gram and containing 100% of pure gold; or, 1 kilogram of pure gold will make 6582.4 coins each coin weighing $900/5332$ of a gram and containing 90% of pure gold.

You know, of course, that no coins of the United States contain the small gold content of the gold coin described by you above.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 27, 1931

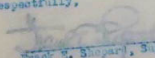
Superintendent,
United States Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

Will you kindly furnish me on the enclosed form
an abstract of the official service of George Borstadt, Jr.,
who was an employee of your office on transfer from this
Mint from April 6, 1923 to August 16, 1925?

Your prompt attention to this request will be
greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T

January 27, 1931

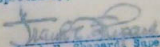
Assayer in Charge,
United States Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Will you kindly furnish me on the enclosed form
an abstract of the official record of Allen Newton while
an employee of your office?

Your prompt attention to this request will be
greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

Enclosure

January 27, 1931

John Mednikov Jewelry Company,
1233 Walnut Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I have your consignment under date of the 22nd instant and have to advise that upon receipt here your material weighs 26.06 troy ounces while in your letter of advice you give the weight of this material as 28½ ounces.

Your package was received with the seals intact but before proceeding to treat your gold I have to request that you will kindly advise me if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 28, 1931

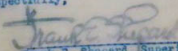
Federal Reserve Branch Bank,
San Antonio, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your telegram of even date relative to the shipment of gold coin for credit to the gold settlement account of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, please be advised that the last word of your message "SLCECAT" does not appear in the Treasurer's confidential code.

If this word is your test word, which I presume it is, I have to advise that the Mint does not have a list of test words for telegraphic messages to and from the Federal Reserve Banks and branches.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

January 26, 1931

Federal Reserve Branch Bank,
Houston, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your telegram of the 27th instant relative to the shipment of gold coin for credit to the gold settlement account of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, please be advised that the last word of your message "SLIKHDEL" does not appear in the Treasurer's confidential code.

If this word is your test word, which I presume it is, I have to advise that the Mint does not have a list of test words for telegraphic messages to and from the Federal Reserve Banks and branches.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 28, 1931

The Farmers State Bank,
Palouse, Washington.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 24th instant forwarding a small gold nugget for the account of Mrs. R. B. Thompson, please be advised that the Mint is not permitted to accept deposits having a value under \$100.00 and as this nugget weighs but 51/100 of a troy ounce, I regret that I cannot accept it for purchase.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance the nugget will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 28, 1931

Mr. W. G. Burnett,
Henning Hotel Building,
Casper, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 27th instant, I feel it proper to advise you before proceeding to treat your material that it appears it will contain too much base metal to meet our requirement that each deposit must have at least one-fifth of its weight in the precious metals - gold and silver - and further that deposits containing less than \$100.00 in value shall be rejected. Deposits failing to meet either one of these requirements or both are rejected and our charges incurred up to the time of their rejection must be imposed and I therefore would suggest that you send not less than 6 ounces of good silver to offset the excess amount of base metal contained in this material and enough high grade gold to bring its value up to the minimum required.

You understand, of course, that your material has not yet been treated and it is not possible without treating it to state accurately its base metal content or value.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Benjamin A. Shepard
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

January 28, 1931

Mr. Rowland K. Goddard,
Secret Service Operative in Charge,
Post Office Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Goddard:

Referring to our conversation of yesterday in regard to certain consignments received at this institution consisting of brass filings, I am enclosing copies of letters in connection with two such deposits for such action, if any, as you may deem proper to take in the premises.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dean B. ...
Acting Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosures

January 26, 1931

Mr. Burton Cooper,
1933 Lawrence Street,
Denver, Colorado.

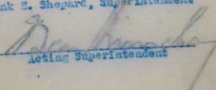
Dear Sir:

I have your letter of even date and do not understand just what it is you desire to borrow. I would suggest that you call and see me in regard to this matter and bring this letter with you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:7

January 29, 1931

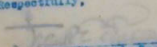
Colorado Springs National Bank,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of the 26th instant,
I have this day returned to you by registered mail the
small amount of gold dust forwarded by you to this Mint
for purchase, using the 19¢ postage enclosed with your let-
ter as follows:

Postage	4¢
Registration	15¢

Respectfully,


Frank N. Shepard, Superintendent

January 29, 1931

Miss Elizabeth Merrill,
Corinne, Utah.

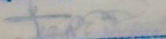
Dear Miss Merrill:

With reference to your letter of January 26th, please be advised that I have this day delivered to Burlingame & Parker your small consignment at this institution, weighing 55/100 of a troy ounce, with request that returns be made direct to you.

Trusting that these returns will be satisfactory,

I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

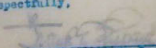
January 29, 1931

Mr. Charles D. Binas,
Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 26th instant and in reply have to advise that this institution is not equipped to make analyses of mineral bearing earth, sand or rock but reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, and I would suggest that you write to that office for information as to the amount of earth necessary for such determinations as you desire and as to the cost applying in such work.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

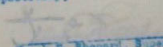
January 29, 1931

Mr. Tolbert E. Ingram,
Deputy Commissioner and Statistician,
Board of Immigration,
State Office Building, Denver.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 28th instant,
I am enclosing the annual report of the Director of the Mint
for the fiscal year 1930 containing the information request-
ed in your letter and have marked the pages which will give
you the general details of the activities of this institution
during that year.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

January 29, 1931

Mr. Winter P. Bowen,
1100 Cook Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Bowen:

I have been advised by the Chief of Division of Appointments of the Treasury Department, that the Commissioner of Pensions has granted you an annuity commencing September 1, 1930, of \$1238.04 under Section 1 of the Act of May 29, 1930. He also calls attention to the fact that increased annuity with forfeiture carries the condition that upon the death of the annuitant no part of the unexpended balance standing to his or her credit in the Retirement Fund shall be paid to the legal representatives.

With best wishes, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:F

January 30, 1931

The Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

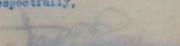
Sir:

I have to request that you will kindly have forwarded to this institution 10 obverse one-cent dies and 4 obverse double eagle dies.

Regarding the double eagle dies above requested, these are needed to convert into coin the double eagle ingots which we have had on hand for some time and which the Director during his visit to this institution the past summer suggested we manufacture into coin.

Upon receipt of these dies, I will proceed with this coinage unless otherwise instructed by the Bureau.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 31, 1931

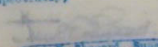
Mr. Tolbert E. Ingram,
Deputy Commissioner of Immigration,
State Office Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 30th instant, please be advised that during the calendar year 1930 this institution manufactured \$401,000.00 in one-cent bronze pieces, this being the only coinage executed during that year.

I have not yet received the 1930 edition of the Colorado Year Book but have no doubt it will be received in due course and I wish to thank you for your courtesy in sending me a copy of this book.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

January 31, 1931

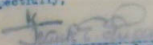
Miss Betty Brain,
68 Corbin Avenue,
Jersey City, New Jersey.

Dear Miss Brain:

I have your letter of the 27th instant asking the exchange of the one-cent bronze piece enclosed by you for a coin of the same denomination of the coinage of 1922, and have to advise that our entire stock of one-cent bronze pieces of the 1922 coinage has long since been exhausted. I am therefore unable to comply with your request.

I am returning herewith a new coin for the old one enclosed with your letter.

Respectfully,


Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2
Enclosure

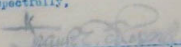
January 31, 1931

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Will you kindly furnish me with an abstract of
the official record of the employment in your office of
Roland E. Peirce - standard form No. 13 being furnished
herewith covering the information desired.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:3

Enclosure

February 2, 1931

Mr. Edward S. Elze,
Georgetown, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 31st ultimo, please be advised that upon receipt here your material weighs 16.30 troy ounces in lieu of 17-1/8 ounces as stated in your invoice. Before proceeding to treat your material, I have to request that you will advise me promptly if the weight as received here is satisfactory.

I also have to state that the invoice received from you through the Bank of Georgetown is signed by the Bank of Georgetown, under which conditions the check which I will issue in payment for your shipment will be payable to that bank with notation, of course, that it is in payment for this deposit.

In future, I would suggest that if you wish payment made by the Bank of Georgetown for your account that you sign our invoice slip on the next to the last line where it states "sign here" instead of having the bank sign on that line.

Please write me promptly regarding the weight of your consignment as above noted and indicate the manner in which you desire payment made.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

February 2, 1931

Mr. Dolph Coode,
Pontiac, Michigan. Route 27

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo enclosing sample of ore, please be advised that while the Mint is not equipped to make complete analyses of such specimens, a careful examination of your material discloses that it appears to be decomposed granite and mica and therefore has no value.

Your sample is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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Enclosure

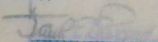
February 2, 1931

Lida R. Walker,
619 East Third Street,
Santa Ana, California.

Dear Madam:

Replaying to your letter of recent date, please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any way and I am unable to give you the addresses of any coin collectors. Perhaps if you look through the advertising section of some of the larger magazines you will be able to obtain the information you desire.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 2, 1931

Mr. George H. Rents,
749 Plymouth Building,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your shipment of the 31st altime, I have to advise that on receipt here your material weighs 5.10 troy ounces and owing to the fact that no deposits are received for purchase having a value under \$100.00, I cannot enter your shipment for treatment as it would not meet that requirement.

If you can send at least 2 ounces more of good gold for addition to this consignment, I shall be very glad to have you do so but if this is not convenient, please send me the necessary postage and insurance and your gold will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 2, 1931

Mr. A. H. Carnahan,
P. O. Box No. 259,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant, I have to advise that white gold is a patented combination of gold with other metals and as such has no fixed market value per troy ounce. Pure gold is worth \$20.67 per troy ounce and the Mint pay that price for the pure gold content in white gold, less the customary Mint charges, although no deposits of any gold are received for purchase having a value under \$100.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 3, 1931

Mr. E. C. Hansen,
Fredericksburg, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 20th ultimo,
I have this day returned to you by insured mail the bottle
of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using
the 16¢ in postage enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	4¢
Insurance ...	8 ¢
Stamps returned	3¢

Please note that only 16¢ in stamps were found
enclosed with your letter and not 20¢ as stated by you.

Respectfully,


W. E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

February 3, 1931

The Farmers State Bank,
Pulcuse, Washington.

Gentlemen:

Complying with the request of your cashier, I have this day returned to you by registered mail the small gold nugget forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase for the account of Mrs. H. B. Thompson, having used the 25¢ in stamps enclosed with your note as follows:

Postage	4¢
Registry fee	15¢
Stamps herewith	6¢

Respectfully,


Frank B. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

February 4, 1931

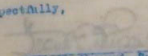
Mr. Fred Patterson,
Mountain Park, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 2nd instant, I have to say that the Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits, less the customary Mint charges for treatment, but no deposits are received having a value under \$100.

The Mint will accept placer gold as a deposit but not mineral bearing sand. If your gold is in the latter form, you can ascertain the approximate gold content by sending sample to the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, which will make a gold determination for you at a charge of \$1.00 for each sample and silver determinations at the same price.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 4, 1931

Mrs. Joe Bush,
Van Tassell, Wyoming,

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant, please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins or currency and I am therefore unable to give you any information whatever regarding the \$1.00 bill described by you.

I would suggest that you take this matter up with some reliable numismatic dealer or coin collector.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:1

February 4, 1931

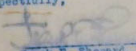
Fremont County National Bank,
Canon City, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of the 2nd instant,
I have this day returned to you by registered mail the
small consignment of gold forwarded by you to this Mint
for purchase, having used the 25¢ enclosed with your let-
ter as follows:

Postage	4¢
Registry fee	15¢
Stamps herewith	6¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

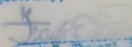
February 4, 1931

El Paso National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your request under date of the 2nd instant, I have this day returned to you by express, collect, your shipment of bullion to this Mint, your lot No 229, collection No. 8652, and am enclosing herewith all papers in connection with this consignment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Four enclosures

February 4, 1931

Burnett Optical Company,
Casper, Wyoming.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant and complying with request therein, I have this day returned to you by express, collect, the box of gold filled scrap and gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase.

Regretting my inability to serve you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

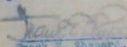
February 6, 1931

The Gunnison Bank & Trust Company,
Gunnison, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your consignment under date of the 5th instant and have to advise that before deposits can be entered for purchase, it is necessary that depositors state the source from which the bullion has been obtained and I therefore request that you will have your client supply the information indicated on the enclosed card which kindly return to me promptly after he has signed same.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:G
Enclosure

February 6, 1931

Mr. Jos Brennan,
Malta, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment under date of the 2nd instant and have to request that you will kindly supply the information indicated on the enclosed card which is necessary before consignments can be accepted for purchase.

In this connection I also have to advise that your metal weighs upon receipt here 162.08 troy ounces instead of 160 ounces as stated by you, and that no deposits are accepted having a value under \$100.00 nor where the precious metal contents does not exceed at least one-fifth of the weight. As your metal is heavily coated with lead, I am unable to determine in advance of treatment just what the probabilities are that your material will comply with the foregoing requirements.

Should I proceed to treat your material and find that it does not comply with the necessary conditions, it will be necessary for me to reject same and impose such charges as have been incurred up to the time of its rejection.

Your prompt reply regarding the weight and value of your deposit will be appreciated, together with the enclosed card properly filled out and signed.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM M. HENNING, Superintendent

CH:V
Enclosure

February 7, 1931

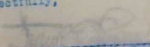
Mr. Alvah C. Clark,
203 Maple Avenue,
Trenton, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant, I have to advise that this institution did not manufacture any one-cent bronze pieces during the calendar years 1921 or 1923. During the calendar years 1929 and 1930 and the current year that denomination has been and is being coined.

If you desire any of these coins, it will be necessary for you to address your application to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., in accordance with the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

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February 7, 1931

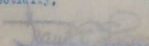
Mr. Charles A. Chase, General Manager,
Shenandoah-River Mining Company,
Silverton, Colorado.

My dear Mr. Chase:

I am in receipt of your shipment No. 4 which I note from your invoice you state weighs 299.5 ounces and have to advise that upon receipt here your two retorts weigh 295.91 troy ounces.

Owing to the fact that your shipment does not appear to have been tampered with and the two retorts are intact, I have proceeded to treat same but thought it proper to call your attention to the above discrepancy in weight.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

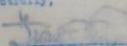
February 9, 1931

Mr. W. E. Roller,
Route 1, Box 14,
Seligman, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th I have to say that while this institution does not make assays of mineral bearing rock or ore, if you will send a sample of the metal to which you refer to this Mint for examination, I shall be glad to give you an opinion as to whether or not it is gold without any expense to you other than the postage and insurance for the return of your sample to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHT

February 9, 1931

Mr. C. M. Mondinger,
 330 Sussex Road,
 Wood Ridge, New Jersey.

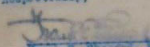
Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant, please be advised that the following uncirculated coins of this Mint's manufacture are now available for sale at their face value, plus necessary postage and insurance:

Double Eagle	-	1925-1926-1927
Eagle	-	1914
Half Eagle	-	1909
Standard Silver Dollar	-	1921-1922-1923-1927
Half Dollar	-	1929
Quarter Dollar	-	1926-1929
Dime	-	1923-1929
Five-cent Nickel	-	1929
One-cent Bronze	-	1929-1930-1931

Enclosed you will find circular from which you will observe that application for any of the above coins must be made direct to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,


 Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
 Enclosure

February 9, 1931

Mr. Grant W. Rogers,
Thermopolis, Wyoming,

Dear Sir:

Referring to your recent consignment, please be advised that it is difficult to say in advance if this material will contain the necessary \$100.00 in value in order to purchase it from you - that being the minimum value of deposits accepted for purchase.

Should I proceed to treat this material and find that its value is insufficient, the regulations require that the deposit be rejected and the Mint's treatment charges up to the time of its rejection be imposed. In order to save this unnecessary expense to you, I would suggest that you send a small amount of gold and some good silver in order to remove any doubt as to your consignment fulfilling the necessary Mint regulations.

I am holding your consignment until advised by you further in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

WHS

February 9, 1931

Mr. I. Goodman,
28 1/2 East Park Street,
Butte, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 6th instant I have to advise that this Mint will purchase old gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the base metal content does not exceed 800 assay parts out of a possible 1000; that is, deposits should have over one-fifth of their weight in pure gold and silver. Milled ware, as you no doubt are aware, contains very little gold and deposits consisting largely of such material should be accompanied by enough good silver to bring the fineness of the mass up to the above requirement.

The Mint imposes a melting charge of \$1.00 for each 1000 ounces, or fraction, and a nominal treatment charge based upon the base metal content and the smaller the latter content the lower the treatment charge.

I am enclosing a circular which may be of some assistance to you in this matter and will be glad to receive any deposits you may forward here which meet our requirements.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2
Enclosure

February 9, 1931

Mr. M. E. Weaver,
Waurika, Oklahoma.

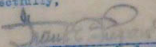
Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 6th instant, I have to advise that when deposits are made at the Mint it is necessary that depositors show that they have legal title to the gold being offered for sale and no deposits are received having a value under \$100.

The Mint has no information as to what the income tax would be in such matters but undoubtedly the Collector of United States Internal Revenue would demand an income tax on any amount in excess of the minimum requirement.

Deposits are usually shipped by prepaid express or insured parcel post.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:V

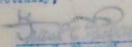
February 9, 1931

The Thunder - Bird Shop,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 7th instant, I have to advise that the Mint does not sell silver under any conditions although when deposits are made containing silver in amounts of not less than \$100.00 and containing an appreciable gold content, fine silver bars may be given in payment for the silver content of such deposits.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 9, 1931

Miss E. Kindle,
1159 - 90th Avenue,
Oakland, California.

Dear Miss Kindle:

I am in receipt of your note of the 2nd instant
and in reply please be advised that the Mint has no liter-
ature for distribution on the subject of Money and Banking.

Regretting my inability to help you, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 9, 1931

Linde Air Products Company,
910 Baltimore Avenue,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith your invoices of the 3rd and 4th instant, and have to advise that your cylinder of 93 cubic feet billed under date of the 3rd instant was returned upon delivery owing to the fact that it was too small for our use and your delivery on the 4th instant of 299 cubic feet was in exchange therefor. In both cases you have billed the Mint for oxygen, while acetylene was ordered and supplied by you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

WET
Enclosures

February 10, 1931

Mr. W. J. Griffith,
308 Union Terminal Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of yesterday, I have
to advise that the following deposits have been received from
C. W. Nordgren of Telluride, Colorado, since January 1, 1928:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Weight of Bullion Received</u>
July 23, 1928	60.34 Troy ounces
August 31, "	33.87 " "
September 12, 1928	99.93 " "
October 11, "	74.11 " "
November 10, "	58.82 " "
December 11, "	66.61 " "
March 4, 1929	17.20 " "
May 15, "	12.43 " "
August 19, "	3.08 " "
July 28, 1930	170.04 " "
September 2, "	142.30 " "
October 2, "	74.09 " "

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 10, 1931

Messrs. Northwick - Hemeth,
By R. E. Northwick,
Round Mountain, Shasta County, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 7th instant, addressed to the Denver Assay Company, which has been referred to this institution, there being no company of that kind in this city, I have to say that the Mint is not equipped to make analyses of coal.

While the Mint does not recommend outside dealers, I would suggest that you correspond with the Colorado School of Mines at Golden, Colorado, or the University of Colorado at Boulder, Colorado.

Respectfully,



Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 10, 1931

Mr. P. W. Blackman,
Whittier, California.

Dear Sir:

Your letter addressed to the Denver Assay Offices has been referred to this institution as there is no such office in Denver.

This institution is not equipped to do commercial assaying but if you desire assays made of mineral bearing ores, I would suggest that you communicate with the United States Assay Office in Salt Lake City, Utah, which will do reliable work of that kind for you at a charge of \$1.00 for gold, \$1.00 for silver, \$1.50 for lead, \$2.00 for zinc and \$2.00 for copper, each sample - money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 10, 1931

Southern Jewelry & Optical Company,
833 Davis Avenue,
Mobile, Alabama.

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your consignment under date of the 5th instant, weighing upon receipt here 31.00 troy ounces. I have melted and assayed this material and find that its value is not sufficient for acceptance by the Mint, the regulations requiring that no deposits be received having a value under \$100.00, your material without any charge being deducted having a value of approximately \$75.00. Under these conditions it is necessary that your deposit be rejected and will be returned you upon the receipt of \$1.00 covering our melting charge.

Should you desire to re-enter this deposit, this may be done after the payment of our melting charge of \$1.00 and the receipt of sufficient material to bring your shipment up to the required value.

In this connection I desire to apprise you of the fact that all deposits must have at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold or silver, or both, and the material which you forwarded here was just within the minimum requirements and should you send any additional material for the re-entry of your bar, kindly send good gold, or accompany such gold as you may send with enough high grade silver in order that the fineness of your deposit may also meet our requirements.

Awaiting your further instructions in this matter,

I am

respectfully,

FRANK N. SUGGESS, Superintendent

ad:z

February 10, 1921

Krigel Diamond Shop,
Attention: Sol Krigel,
548 Minn. Avenue,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 9th instant and in reply have to advise that it is not necessary that your old gold be melted before sending it to the Mint as all deposits are melted after receipt in order that homogeneous assays may be obtained of their precious metal content.

The Mint will accept gold filled and gold plated articles when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100, which also applies to any other deposit, and where the pure gold and pure silver content is better than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Our treatment charges are based on the base metal content of deposits and it is therefore in the interest of depositors to reduce the base metal content of their deposits to the minimum by the addition of high grade silver.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject and any deposits you may forward here having a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold or gold and silver content equaling at least one-fifth of the weight of the consignment will receive our prompt attention.
respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ON:T

February 11, 1931

Mr. W. A. Demenberg,
402 North 16th Street,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the outside but your deposit has not been entered for treatment owing to the fact that a letter of advice pertaining to this deposit has not been received from you. I have therefore to request that you will advise me promptly concerning same.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:1

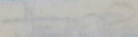
February 11, 1931

Mr. Otis Lewis,
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 9th instant, please
be advised that the Mint does not deal in old paper currency
or coins of any description nor pay a premium thereon.

Respectfully,


Frank A. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:5

February 17, 1921

Butte County Bank,
Belle Fourche, South Dakota.

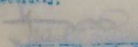
Gentlemen:

Your deposit weighting 1.02 troy ounces has been duly received but owing to the fact that the Mint does not purchase deposits having a value under \$100.00, I cannot accept your gold for purchase.

I am unable to tell you the value of this gold as that could not be determined without melting and assaying your material for which a charge would have to be made.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance, your gold will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

February 11, 1921

Mr. Earl C. Tarr,
Queens, New York. S.D.N.Y. Box 178.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant,
please be advised that our entire stock of one-cent bronze
pieces of the design of 1909 has long since been exhausted
and I am therefore unable to comply with your request for
some of these coins. I am also unable to give you any in-
formation as to where these coins may be obtained.

Regretting my inability to be of any service
to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Wm. F. Shepard, Registrar

February 12, 1961

Dr. L. C. Rops,
200 1/2 North Main Street,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment under date of the 10th instant, weighing upon receipt here 5.26 troy ounces and consisting of 12 buttons, and have to advise that as no deposits are received for purchase having a value under \$100.00, it will be necessary for you to send at least 2 ounces more of similar material in order that your consignment will meet our requirements. Please advise me if you can do this and in the event it is not convenient, kindly send the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your material to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:1

February 12, 1931

Mr. Roy Webster, Cashier
Cassia National Bank,
Burley, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant I have to advise that this Mint is now manufacturing the one-cent bronze piece. The last coinage of silver dollars was during the calendar year 1927.

Regarding the coinage at the United States Mints at San Francisco and Philadelphia, I would suggest you write those institutions for the information you desire relative to their coinage.

All paper currency is manufactured at the United States Bureau of Engraving & Printing, Washington, D. C. and for information in regard to that form of money you should address that office.

The Mint has no literature for distribution regarding coinage operations or I should be very glad to send some to you for your information.

Respectfully,

Wm. E. Shepard, Superintendent

February 12, 1931

Mr. S. T. Granlich,
Durango, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 10th instant, I have to say that the Mint pays \$25.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, less the customary Mint charges.

Enclosed you will find a circular containing further information on this subject.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard
Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:7
Enclosure

February 12, 1951

Ft. Worth Smelting & Refining Company,
Ft. Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your note received this morning regarding the two missing weights which you thought might be contained in your consignment, please be advised that I have looked for these weights and do not find them.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHT

February 12, 1931

Dr. H. M. Verister,
514 Rynde Building,
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

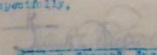
Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 11th instant, I have to advise that the Mint will accept for purchase federal gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the pure gold content is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint imposes a melting charge of \$1.00 for each 1000 ounces or fraction and there is also a nominal treatment charge which varies according to the base metal contained in the deposit.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject and any consignments you may forward which comply with the Mint requirements will have my prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Frank C. Shepard, Superintendent

C.S.T
Enclosure

February 12, 1901

Mr. Charles A. Chase, General Manager,
Shenandoah-Mine Mining Company,
Silverton, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Chase:

I have your letter of the 10th instant in regard to obtaining a bar of your bullion for the annual meeting of your company on the 2nd proximo and I regret to say that inasmuch as your last deposit has been settled for and your bullion taken into the accounts of this institution, I do not see how I could comply with your request for its return to you at this time.

If you could forward a deposit here with the request that it be returned you after melting, this could be done by paying the Mint charges up to the time of its rejection, which would be in the neighborhood of \$5.00. In this case you would, of course, receive the identical bullion deposited by you, less a small amount of its base content driven off in the melting process.

Depositors are entitled to payment in pure gold bars for the gold content contained in their deposits in excess of 3 ounces or more and the same as regards the silver contained in deposits, in which case, however, the gold and silver contained in the depositor's bullion is not returned.

Should you withdraw a deposit, the bar may be re-

entered as a deposit and it would have the same status as
million contained in a new deposit, that is, it would go
through the same procedure as in the first instance, al-
though there is no netting charge in re-entering the Mint
here.

I regret that the regulations do not permit me
to be of further assistance to you in this matter.

With best wishes, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Deputy Assistant

OFF

February 12, 1931

Mr. H. F. Goldberg,
O/o Sherman Hotel,
1507 Euclid Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 8th instant forwarding a deposit weighing upon receipt here 151.03 troy ounces, I have to say that I note your request for a check in payment for its gold content and fine silver bars in exchange for its silver content and that you would like us to hold this silver in order that it may be added to your next consignment, etc.

While I would be very glad to be of assistance to depositors in any feasible way, such an arrangement as you suggest might lead to complications which would be unsatisfactory to all concerned and a decided departure from the procedure governing the Mint's relations with depositors and in addition have to advise that our vault space is quite limited, under which conditions I do not see that it would be possible for us to accede to your request.

I am now treating your material and will forward you check in payment for the gold contained therein and fine

silver ware will be forwarded you by express, collect, in
exchange for its silver content as requested by you.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

February 18, 1921

Mr. P. J. Thomas,
Fredonia, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 11th instant, I have to advise that the Mint will purchase gold scrap when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the pure gold contained therein is in excess of one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Consignments may be forwarded by prepaid express or by parcel post, registered or insured.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject.

Respectfully,

Frank Y. Shepard, Superintendent

OS:7
Enclosure

February 13, 1931

Mr. James F. Gallows,
Horsehead, Colorado. P.O. Box 206.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant, I have to say that the Mint does not accept deposits of amalgam and in order to dispose of your bullion to the Mint, it will be necessary for you to have the mercury driven off before your gold dust would be acceptable for purchase.

I have also to advise that no deposits are received having a value under \$100.00 nor where the pure gold content does not exceed one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

It is not the policy of the Mint to recommend any outside bullion dealers and when names are suggested the Mint does not accept any responsibility for the returns which may be received from the parties suggested. With this understanding I would suggest that you correspond with Worlingham & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, or Carl Klaucock, Beck Block, this city, relative to the disposition of your gold dust.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. Simpson, Superintendent

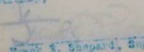
February 12, 1931

Rev. W. E. Owen,
22 Morningside Drive,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant, I have to say that you are correct in your information that the one-cent bronze pieces were coined at this Mint during the calendar year 1920 and uncirculated pieces can be furnished you upon your making application therefor to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,


Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

WES
Enclosure

February 15, 1931

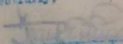
Mr. James W. Coff,
1760 Emerson Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Coff:

I feel it proper to advise you that at the close of business on the 14th instant you will have had 27 days sick leave and 6 days annual leave which is the maximum amount of leave the regulations permit with pay this early in the calendar year. It will therefore be necessary for me to discontinue your pay on that date unless, of course, you report for duty on Monday morning, the 15th instant. In any event, I should be glad to have you call and see me at your earliest convenience in order that I may be advised as to your plans and expectations regarding the resumption of your duties at this institution.

Trusting that your health is improving, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:W

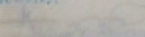
February 16, 1931

Miss Dorothy Thompson,
154 Main Street,
Needham, Massachusetts.

Dear Miss Dorothy:

Replying to your inquiry of the 12th instant,
please be advised that the Act of Congress dated September
22, 1930, discontinued the coinage of the 25 and 50
gold pieces and 5¢ nickel pieces. The \$2.00 gold piece
was discontinued by Act of Congress dated April 11, 1930.

Respectfully,


Frank A. Shepard, Superintendent

GHS

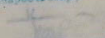
February 10, 1931

Mr. J. Shallen,
1716 Main Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Before proceeding to treat your remittance forwarded under date of the 14th instant, I feel it proper to call your attention to the fact that the weight of the gold scrap upon receipt here is 9.12 troy ounces instead of 200 Act. as noted on your card. I would therefore thank you to advise me promptly if this weight is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

GRIT

February 16, 1931

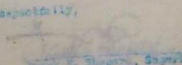
Mr. W. E. Miller,
Route 1, Box 14,
Gallatin, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I have examined very carefully the small sample contained in the bottle forwarded by post to this institution and have to advise that so far as I can determine the material consists of pyrites of iron - white iron - and apparently contains no gold shaver.

I am returning your sample to you under separate cover as requested.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shapiro, Superintendent

CH:T

February 16, 1931

Standard Dental Laboratory,
185 North Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

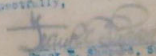
Gentlemen:

Referring to your assignment of printings under date of the 15th instant, which accompanied receipt here 7.27 Troy ounces, I have to advise that it does not appear that this material will have a value of \$100.00 which is the minimum value of deposits required for purchase.

I would suggest that you send material having a value of at least \$25.00 for addition to this lot in order that the combined lots will comply with the Mint regulations.

Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience and oblige

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OS:V

February 17, 1931

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your
voucher-check No. 5657, in amount \$1.48, covering com-
mission on collection from pay station Main-9372 for
the period January 18 to February 10, 1931.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

GM:E

February 17, 1931

Fisher Jewelry Company,
508 N. Main Street,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Attention: Mr. H. J. Meyer

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant,
I have to advise that the Mint is not in a position to
sell silver in any quantity.

Regretting my inability to help you in this
matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHS

February 17, 1901.

Little Omaha Post,
Oella Avenue, South Dakota.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of the 14th instant,
I have this day returned to you by registered mail the gold
chain forwarded by you to this Bank for purchase using the
\$50 (draft) enclosed with your letter as follows:

Purchase \$50
Registry fee 10
Stamps enclosed 20

Very respectfully,

Wm. F. Rogers, Superintendent

Enclosure

February 17, 1931

Mr. Joe Wrenn,
Molte, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, regarding your consignment and before writing same I thought I would make a preliminary test of it which disclosed that your three buttons contain only a trace of the precious metal. Under these conditions your metal has practically no value and could not be accepted as a deposit at the Mint.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and I will send your buttons will be returned you by insured parcel post or, if you prefer, it may be returned by express, collect.

Please advise me promptly of your choice in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ENCL

February 18, 1921

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company.
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your remittance of \$1.15 in cash covering communication on collection from public telephone, No. 2725, for the period January 20th to February 10th, 1921.

Respectfully,


Fred E. Rogers, Superintendent

DR. 7

February 19, 1931

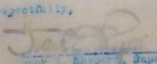
Crowley E. Cole & Company,
419 Chestnut Street,
Atlantic, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

Answering your note of the 17th instant, please be advised that deposits to be acceptable for purchase must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and contain at least one-fifth of their weight in the precious metals. Under these conditions I cannot accept your two gold watch cases weighing approximately 4 ounces even though they were pure gold. If they are plated they probably contain very little gold.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you more information on the procedure governing deposits at this institution and any consignments that comply with the regulations will be gladly accepted.

Respectfully,


Fred L. Shepard, Superintendent

CE:T
Enclosure

February 19, 1931

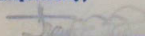
The Herring National Bank,
Vernon, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request I have this day returned to you by registered mail the Mexican coin forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using the 17¢ enclosed with your note as follows:

Postage	2¢
Registry fee	15¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

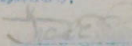
February 19, 1921

Mr. Julius Phillips,
Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of recent date enclosing some
dental gold which I regret to say is not of sufficient value
to be accepted as a deposit - the minimum amount of gold re-
ceived being \$100. I am therefore returning your gold to
you herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Stearns, Superintendent

OK:2
Enclosure

February 19, 1931

Mr. Ralph A. Haskell,
7 Alder Street,
South Portland, Maine.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant, I have to advise that no commemorative coins have been minted at this institution, most of those issued having been manufactured at the United States Mint at Philadelphia. As you will note from the enclosed circular, such coins are not on sale at the Mints but by the various organizations in whose interests they have been struck.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

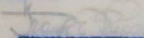
February 19, 1931

Mr. C. Wagner,
R. 5, Box 48,
Royal Center, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of the 14th instant, I
have to advise that Mr. James W. Coff has been employed
as a helper at this institution since August 5, 1925.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 19, 1921

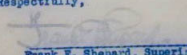
Mr. Jeff Jardon,
Flora, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 16th instant, please
be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins nor
pay a premium thereon.

The stamps enclosed with your letter are re-
turned herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

February 19, 1931

Mr. Roy C. Curtis,
Crawford, Nebraska.

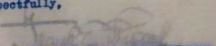
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th instant and accompanying sample of sand and have to say that while the Mint does not make analyses of mineral bearing sands or rock, your material has been examined and I do not believe it contains any values in the precious metals.

Should you desire an analysis made of this material, I would suggest that you send a good sample to the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, which will analyze it for you at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount to accompany your sample.

Should you wish the return of the sample which you have forwarded here, please send me the necessary postage at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 20, 1931

Mr. F. G. Cox,
Eastman, Gardiner & Company,
Laurel, Mississippi.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th instant and accompanying sample addressed to the United States Assay Office - there being no such office in this city.

With reference to your letter and sample, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to do commercial assaying nor is it the policy of the Mint to recommend any outside dealers. The following is a list of assayers in this city which I have taken from the city directory and I would suggest that you write to one of these in regard to such determinations as you may desire made of your clay, and with the request that the one designated call at this institution for your samples, sending me a copy of your letter as my authority to deliver your samples to the one you have selected:

Victor Blanc, 2855 Walnut Street,
Burlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street,
Colorado Assaying Company, 2013 Walton Street,
Enlich & Company, 1727 Chaapa Street,
J. W. Richards & Son, 1118 - 19th Street,
Henry E. Wood Assaying Company, 1750 Arapahoe Street.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

February 20, 1931

Standard Dental Laboratory,
185 North Wabash Avenue,
Medical and Dental Arts Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your two consignments to this institution of 7.27 troy ounces and 3.02 troy ounces, I have to advise that after combining these two lots and melting same, our assays disclose that your deposit falls considerably below the minimum value of deposits accepted for purchase and under the regulations I am compelled to reject same and impose a melting charge of \$2.00 which I have to request you will remit at your earliest convenience.

Should you desire to reenter this deposit, this may be done upon receipt of these charges and with the addition of at least 10 ounces more of similar material to bring your shipment up to the required value.

If you desire the return of your bar, this will be done upon receipt of the above charges and under instructions as to the method desired and if by parcel post, kindly send the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

February 20, 1931

Mr. E. Krigel,
922 Walnut Street,
Coffeyville, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the outside but cannot proceed to treat your material not having received from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto.

Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:2

February 20, 1931

First National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

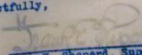
Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment No. A-26859, weighing upon receipt here 3.21 troy ounces and consisting of dental gold for the account of the International Dental Laboratory, please be advised that no deposits are received for purchase having a value under \$100.00 and I am therefore unable to enter this consignment for treatment.

It will require at least 4 ounces more of similar material to render this consignment acceptable for purchase and in the event you can send this additional material, I shall be very glad to have you do so.

Kindly advise me promptly as to your wishes in regard to this shipment, sending the necessary postage and insurance if you desire its return by mail.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 20, 1931

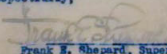
Mr. C. A. Atkinson,
Room 216, O.W. Depot,
C/o The Pullman Company,
Seattle, Washington,

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th instant in regard to visiting the Mint and in reply regret to say that this institution has been closed to visitors for a number of years and under the rigid instructions received no exceptions whatsoever may be made thereto.

I appreciate that it would be of much interest to you and Mrs. Atkinson to view our coining operations and trust at some future time it may be possible for you to do so.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 21, 1931

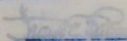
The Superintendent,
United States Mint
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,

Sir:

I have this day to acknowledge the receipt of
the following dies via Railway Express Agency, Inc., on
government bill of lading No. T 113536:

10 - Obverse One-Cent Dies, Nos. 76 - 85

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

February 21, 1931

Mountain Plains Companies, Inc.
Attention: Mr. J. G. Clark, President,
Boulder, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 20th instant forwarding bullion lots S-1 and P-2, weighing upon receipt here 11.23 troy ounces and 3.07 troy ounces, respectively, please be advised that in view of the fact no deposits are accepted having a value under \$100.00, separate returns cannot be made you on these two lots as you request, since to do so it would be necessary to give each lot the status of a deposit.

If you wish to have a bullion assay for gold and silver of P-2, this can be furnished you at a charge of \$4.00 for which you have already forwarded money order. The bullion contained in P-2 could then be treated with S-1 and returns made you on the combined lots as one deposit. But, of course, these returns would not then show the gold and silver values in S-1 but the combined gold and silver values in the two lots.

Or if you desire to know the gold and silver contained in each lot separately, S-1 can be entered as a deposit and paid for and P-2 returned you after it has been melted and assayed.

Please advise me of your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

February 21, 1931

Mr. J. E. Wagner,
Route 1, Box 85,
Kosse, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 18th instant and in reply have to say that the Mint can sell gold only in bar form in lots having a minimum value of \$5,000.00 but cannot sell silver in any form.

Placer gold cannot be procured with all impurities removed but you may be able to obtain powdered gold or pure gold in bar form in lots of one-half ounce or more from Carl Blaurock, Mack Block, or B Burlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, both of this city, and silver in the same form from these two parties or the Denver Fire Clay Company, 1742 Champa Street.

Pure gold is worth \$20,671.834 per fine ounce troy. Silver has a fluctuating value and the Mint pays the New York market price, less the fraction, and I would suggest that in order to know the value of pure silver at the time you place your order, you consult your daily paper which would no doubt contain the New York market price - the quotation being based upon fine ounces, which at the present time is 26-3/8 cents.

Of course, any dealers from whom you buy these metals would add his charges to the market price for both metals.

Regretting that I cannot be of assistance to you, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

February 21, 1931

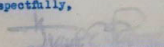
Mr. S. H. Sess,
517 Main Avenue,
Spokane, Washington.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the wrapper but cannot proceed to treat your material until there has been received from you a letter of advice covering this shipment.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 21, 1931

Lanterman-Dugan Jewelry & Optical Company,
121 North Tejon Street,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

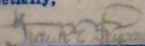
Gentlemen:

I have your letter and consignment under date of the 20th instant, the latter consisting of 53.01 troy ounces of filled ware and a little silver and 11.85 troy ounces of karat gold.

In this connection I have to advise that while the value of these combined lots may approximate \$100.00 I apprehend that the total base metal content will be too great to render your material acceptable for purchase, as deposits must have over one-fifth of their weight in pure gold and silver. I would therefore suggest that you send 10 ounces or more of good silver to increase the fineness of your shipment, as in the event it is found to contain an excess of base metal after treatment, it would have to be rejected and the Mint charges up to the time of its rejection, imposed.

Please advise me promptly regarding your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 24, 1931

Mr. W. E. Easton,
C/o First National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 21st instant regarding two sacks of Mexican gold coin which were received this morning and which weighed upon receipt here 14 pounds each or a total of 28 pounds for the two sacks.

As requested by you I am enclosing herewith the tags accompanying this shipment and trust you will be reimbursed for the overpayment of postage thereon.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

February 24, 1931

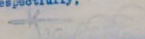
Mr. J. D. Fisher,
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 23rd instant and in reply have to say that the Mint cannot sell silver in any quantity nor is it in the market for the purchase of that metal in any large quantity, nor could I enter into such an arrangement as you suggest in your letter.

I am also unable to suggest the names of any parties with whom you could make such an arrangement.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 24, 1951

Mr. M. E. Weaver,
Waurika, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt this morning of your two letters of the 21st and 22nd instant and have to advise that so far no one has made a deposit at this institution of any gold which bears any resemblance to the bars described by you.

For your information I have to say that white gold is a composition of gold with other metals and is not mined in that form but is a manufactured article.

I judge from your letters that you have fallen into the hands of some unscrupulous persons and would suggest that you be very careful before you invest any money in the purchase or recovery of alleged gold which it is claimed has considerable value and which is supposed to have been buried for many years.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 24, 1931

F. S. Steegel & Company,
David Stott Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant, please be advised that the Mint does not make assays of mineral bearing ore but reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge for each sample of \$1.00 for gold, \$1.00 for silver, \$1.50 for lead, \$2.00 for copper and \$2.00 for zinc - money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples to that office.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

February 24, 1931

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I have this day to acknowledge the receipt of the following dies on government bill of lading No. T-113536 via Railway Express Agency, Inc.:

4 - Obverse Double Eagle Dies, Nos. 5 - 8

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

February 24, 1931

Mr. F. C. Cox,
Laurel, Mississippi,

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your telegram of the 23rd instant and have this day delivered to the Colorado Assaying Company the can containing samples of clay forwarded by you to this institution and have furnished that company with a copy of your telegram requesting that your samples be analyzed for traces of mercury either free or in the form of cinnabar.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 24, 1931.

United States Rubber Company,
355 Valley St.,
Providence, R. I.

Sirs:

I am returning under separate cover, the sample pair of heavy Acidproof Rubber Gloves, submitted with your proposal of the 17th instant, and have to advise you that the order has been placed with a local firm for a similar glove at \$2.25 per pair, less 2% 10 days. Your invoice No. 1336 covering this sample pair of gloves, is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

F.

February 24, 1931

Mr. August Hornecker,
Sandy, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Your letter addressed to "The Officer Assay Office" has been turned over to this institution by the post office, there being no such office in this city.

Replying to your inquiry, please be advised that this Mint is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing rock or sand, but reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at the following charges for each sample, money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples:

Gold -	\$1.00	Copper -	\$2.00
Silver -	1.00	Zinc -	2.00
Lead -	1.50		

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 25, 1931

Mr. Joe Brennan,
Malta, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 21st instant in reference to your metal at this institution and have to say that of the nine pieces received from you a preliminary test was made of the three which appeared to be most promising and as these three have practically no gold or silver in them, the probabilities are the remaining pieces will not be found to contain any of the precious metals.

Owing to the preponderance of base metal in your material, it cannot be accepted as a deposit but if you wish a bullion assay made of your metal to ascertain its gold and silver content, it can be melted into a bar and an assay certificate furnished you at a charge of \$4.00 and your bar will be returned you at your expense. I feel it proper to advise you in advance, however, that owing to the large amount of lead contained in your consignment, a loss in its weight will no doubt ensue from the melting process.

If you desire the bullion assay above mentioned, kindly

forward me money order covering the charges as stated, together with instructions as to the disposition of your metal and if you desire its return by insured parcel post kindly enclose the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 25, 1931

Mr. A. G. Madison,
209 South Main Street,
Ottawa, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 23rd instant consisting of a miscellaneous lot of karat gold weighing upon receipt here 16.98 troy ounces and 50.12 troy ounces of cases and 86.98 troy ounces of scrap, please be advised that the combination of the last two lots with your karat gold would give your deposit a base metal content far in excess of the amount permissible under the regulations which require that all consignments having a base metal content of 800 or more assay parts out of a possible 1000 shall be rejected.

To render your deposit acceptable for purchase would require the addition of at least 30 ounces of sterling silver to increase its fineness to the proper amount, or the cases and scrap could be returned you and the karat gold entered as a deposit.

Under these conditions I am holding your material without treatment and will thank you to advise me promptly of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 25, 1931

Mr. Charles E. Irish,
Route A, Box 48,
La Crosse, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 24th instant regarding assay of your ore, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make analyses of mineral bearing ore but reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge for each sample of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount payable to that office to accompany your samples.

In accordance with your wishes the sample which you have forwarded here will be thrown away.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 26, 1931

Mrs. Estella Dinger,
Sidney, Nebraska. Route B.

Dear Madam:

Answering your inquiry of the 22nd instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old
coins nor pay a premium thereon.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 26. 1931

Palisades National Bank,
Palisade, Colorado.

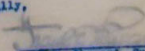
Attention: Mr. F. L. Tilton,
Cashier.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 24th instant and accompanying consignment which weighs upon receipt here 3.01 troy ounces, I have to advise that the Mint does not accept for purchase deposits having a value under \$100.00 and in order to render your consignment acceptable it would require at least 8 ounces more of similar material to be added thereto.

If you can send this additional gold, I should be very glad to have you do so, otherwise send me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your shipment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:7

February 26, 1931

Mr. Adolph Hughes,
Ringgold, Texas. Box 63.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 21st instant and in reply have to advise that the Mint does not deal in old coins nor pay a premium thereon under which circumstances the nickel mentioned by you would not be purchased by the Mint.

In this connection I have to say that if your nickel has a buffalo on one side and an Indian head on the other, it is not a genuine coin.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 27, 1931

Mr. Coulston Henry,
1636 Wakeling Street, Frankford,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the five-cent piece enclosed with your letter of the 24th instant and regret to advise that I am unable to supply you with any one-cent bronze pieces of the coinage of 1922 as our stock of these coins has long since been entirely exhausted.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

February 26, 1931

Mr. Louis T. Shinn,
Moscow, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of the 24th instant and in reply have to advise that owing to the fact the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner, I am unable to give you any information as to the piece enclosed with your letter and which I am returning herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T
Enclosure

February 26, 1931

Mr. D. H. Mason,
Baxter Springs, Kansas. Route 2

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 25th instant, I have to advise that the Mint has no information concerning potash but I would suggest that you write to the State Geologist, Topeka, Kansas, or to the University of Kansas at Lawrence, Kansas, for such information as you desire on this subject.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 27, 1931

Messrs. Cantt Brothers,
201 Roberts-Banner Building,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

In reference to the inquiry contained in your letter of the 25th instant regarding the platinum contained in your consignment, please be advised that there is no way by which that metal could be separated from the gold and silver contained in your deposit.

When deposits are treated prior to payment they are simply melted and stirred during that process to obtain an accurate and concordant assay and are not sent to the refinery for the separation of metals for several months when the deposits are melted and treated in large quantity which renders it impossible to ascertain which deposits contained platinum, if any is found during the refining operation.

I am therefore holding your deposit without treatment to be advised by you if you are willing to waive the platinum value in your consignment and if not your material will be returned you by express, collect.

Respectfully,


Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:V

February 27, 1931

Mrs. Leah M. Scheib,
C/o W. J. Burgess,
Douglas, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

With reference to your consignment of recent date which you state contains one piece of platinum, please be advised that the Mint makes no allowance for that metal when making payment for gold and silver contained in deposits and I have to request that you will kindly advise me promptly if you are willing to waive the value of your platinum and if not, kindly send me the necessary postage for the return of your shipment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

February 27, 1931

Mr. E. V. Lorig,
2419-20 N Street
Omaha, Nebraska.

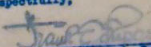
Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 26th instant which contains 36.09 troy ounces of filled scrap and 8.76 troy ounces of fairly good gold, I have to advise that in view of the fact deposits must contain at least one-fifth of their weight in the precious metals - pure gold and silver - it appears that the amount of base metal contained in your filled scrap will render your deposit unfit for acceptance.

In order to overcome the excessive base metal contained in your filled scrap, it will be necessary for you to send at least five ounces of good silver to be added to your consignment.

I am therefore holding your deposit without treatment awaiting further advice from you regarding this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 27, 1931

Mr. H. J. Gehm,
Colorado Springs, Colorado. Box 56

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 22nd instant I have this day returned to you by registered mail the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using the 50¢ in stamps enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	10¢
Registry fee	15¢
Stamps enclosed	25¢

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

February 27, 1931

Mr. A. Leibowitz,
718 Felix Street,
St. Joseph, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the outside but to date have not received from you a letter of advice concerning this deposit and as deposits cannot be entered on our books for treatment without such advice, I have to request that you will write me promptly concerning your shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

February 28, 1931

Miss Edith Deeson,
Box 307, Lovelock, Nevada.

Dear Madam:

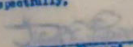
Your letter of the 25th and package of rock addressed to the Denver Assay Company have been referred to this institution as apparently there is no such company in Denver.

Replying to your letter please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing samples and your check for \$1.00 is herewith returned.

Reliable assays can be made for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, each sample, money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the sample which you have forwarded here, kindly send the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:T
Enclosure

February 28, 1931

Mr. S. S. Montgomery,
C/o Farmers & Merchants Bank,
Sterling, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 26th instant and have to advise that the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, will make an analysis of your sand for gold at a charge of \$1.00, money order for that amount to accompany your sample.

I am returning herewith the small sample found in your letter which appears to be disintegrated granite.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ON:T
Enclosure

February 28, 1931

Mr. Claude Emery,
Wild Horse, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Your letter addressed to the Denver Assay Company under date of November 24th, has been referred to this institution, there apparently being no such assay company in this city.

I am returning herewith your money order No. 317820 for \$1.50 and have to advise that your samples have not yet been received at this institution, nor is the Mint equipped to make assays of mineral bearing samples.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

March 2, 1931

Fort Worth Smelting & Refining Company,
1318 Arcade Place,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 26th ultimo which weighed upon receipt here 120.26 troy ounces and valued by you at \$144.75, please be advised that a preliminary test of this material indicates that it contains over 800 assay parts of base metal out of a possible 1000 and under these conditions your consignment cannot be accepted for purchase - the regulations requiring that deposits having 800 or more assay parts base metal shall be rejected.

It will be necessary for you to add at least 10 ounces of good silver to this shipment in order to increase its fineness in the precious metals to comply with our requirements and I am holding your bullion awaiting your wishes in the matter.

With your letter pertaining to this shipment you enclosed an envelope bearing 16¢ in stamps in order to have the check in payment of this deposit forwarded by registered mail as you have done in a number of other instances, in this case as well as in a number of others, the postage placed on the return envelope has been insufficient - it requiring 17¢ to cover postage and registry

fee. If you will forward 15¢ in postage, returns can be made you in our official envelope, the frank on which will cover the 2¢ postage fee.

I am returning your envelope enclosed pertinent to this shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

March 2, 1931

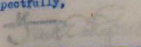
Mr. M. F. Goldberg,
6536 South Lowell Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

In reference to your consignment under date of the 25th ultimo consisting of 16.83 troy ounces of silver, 99.75 troy ounces of filled scrap and 12.70 troy ounces of gold, or a total of 129.38 troy ounces, please be advised that the base metal contained in your filled scrap will render your material unsuitable for purchase, no deposits being received having 800 or more assay parts of base metal out of a possible 1000.

To render this consignment acceptable for purchase will require at least 15 ounces or more of high grade silver, upon receipt of which your shipment will be entered for treatment. Kindly advise me of your wishes at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 2, 1931

Melis-Roath Company,
La Junta, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 25th ultimo and accompanying consignment which weighs upon receipt here 6.25 troy ounces and have to advise that it does not appear that this shipment will contain \$100.00 in value which is the minimum amount received for purchase.

I have to suggest that you forward sufficient additional material to be added to this consignment in order that it will comply with our regulations, or if you prefer your material will be returned you, in which event please send the necessary postage and insurance or instructions to return it to you by express, collect.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T

March 2, 1931

Mr. H. E. Weaver,
Waurika, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 26th ultimo and in reply have to advise that no deposits have been received at this institution from the bank at Guthrie which would appear to have any connection with the subject matter mentioned in your letter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 2, 1931

The First National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of the 25th ultimo,
I have this day returned to you by express, collect, your
small shipment of gold under your No. A 26659.

I am enclosing herewith your advice and affi-
davit pertinent to this consignment.

Regretting my inability to accept this deposit,

I am

Respectfully,

FRANK E. SHAPARD, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

1. The first part of the paper is devoted to a general discussion of the problem of the existence of solutions of the system of equations

(1) $\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, y, z), \frac{dy}{dt} = g(x, y, z), \frac{dz}{dt} = h(x, y, z)$

where f, g, h are continuous functions of x, y, z and satisfy the Lipschitz condition.

It is shown that if the functions f, g, h are bounded and the initial conditions are given at a point where the functions are continuous, then there exists a unique solution of the system of equations (1) in a neighborhood of the initial point.

2. In the second part of the paper, the problem of the extension of the solution to the whole domain of definition of the functions f, g, h is considered.

It is shown that if the functions f, g, h are bounded and the initial conditions are given at a point where the functions are continuous, then the solution can be extended to the whole domain of definition of the functions f, g, h .

3. In the third part of the paper, the problem of the stability of the solution is considered.

It is shown that if the functions f, g, h are bounded and the initial conditions are given at a point where the functions are continuous, then the solution is stable in a neighborhood of the initial point.

4. In the fourth part of the paper, the problem of the asymptotic stability of the solution is considered.

It is shown that if the functions f, g, h are bounded and the initial conditions are given at a point where the functions are continuous, then the solution is asymptotically stable in a neighborhood of the initial point.

5. In the fifth part of the paper, the problem of the periodicity of the solution is considered.

It is shown that if the functions f, g, h are bounded and the initial conditions are given at a point where the functions are continuous, then the solution is periodic in a neighborhood of the initial point.

6. In the sixth part of the paper, the problem of the bifurcation of the solution is considered.

It is shown that if the functions f, g, h are bounded and the initial conditions are given at a point where the functions are continuous, then the solution bifurcates in a neighborhood of the initial point.

7. In the seventh part of the paper, the problem of the chaos of the solution is considered.

It is shown that if the functions f, g, h are bounded and the initial conditions are given at a point where the functions are continuous, then the solution is chaotic in a neighborhood of the initial point.

8. In the eighth part of the paper, the problem of the ergodicity of the solution is considered.

It is shown that if the functions f, g, h are bounded and the initial conditions are given at a point where the functions are continuous, then the solution is ergodic in a neighborhood of the initial point.

9. In the ninth part of the paper, the problem of the mixing of the solution is considered.

It is shown that if the functions f, g, h are bounded and the initial conditions are given at a point where the functions are continuous, then the solution is mixing in a neighborhood of the initial point.

10. In the tenth part of the paper, the problem of the topological transitivity of the solution is considered.

It is shown that if the functions f, g, h are bounded and the initial conditions are given at a point where the functions are continuous, then the solution is topologically transitive in a neighborhood of the initial point.

March 2, 1931

Mr. M. I. Sass,
313 College Street,
Springfield, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo forwarding package containing gold which weighs upon receipt here 9.12 troy ounces and have to advise that it appears doubtful that this material will have a value of \$100.00 which is the minimum value of deposits received for purchase.

Should I proceed to treat your consignment and find that its value falls below \$100.00, it would be necessary to reject it and impose the charges incurred up to the time of its rejection. In order to obviate this expense, I would suggest that you send a small additional quantity, say 2 ounces or more, to be added to this lot in order to render your consignment acceptable for purchase. I am holding your gold pending further advice from you regarding your wishes in the matter.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on the subject of deposits at this institution.

Respectfully,

Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

March 2, 1931

First National Bank,
Mr. K. S. Busker, Cashier,
Durango, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 28th ultimo forwarding under separate cover a small button of metal and have to advise that a preliminary test thereof indicates that it is pure copper.

In view of the fact that the Mint cannot accept this material, I thought it proper to advise you that it contains no values before turning it over to Burlingame & Parker which you request if the Mint could not accept it.

If you desire the return of this button, kindly forward me the necessary postage, or if you still desire it delivered to Burlingame & Parker, I will comply with your request.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

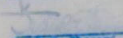
March 2, 1921

Mrs. J. M. Pringle,
15 - 11th Avenue,
Dodge City, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your note in reference to the rock containing garnets which you desire to sell to the Mint, please be advised that the Mint deals only in the precious metals and I would suggest that you correspond with some dealer in precious stones.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 2, 1931

Mrs. Rosa E. Bunker,
301 West 10th Street,
Hays, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 27th ultimo in reference to your consignment which weighs upon receipt here 7.35 troy ounces instead of 10 ounces as stated by you.

In view of this discrepancy in weight, I thought it proper to advise you concerning same before proceeding to treat your metal and will thank you to advise me promptly if the weight as found here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OS:T

March 2, 1931

Mr. J. Swanke,
164 - 2nd Street,
Laramie, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 1st instant, I have to advise that the Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and for silver the New York market price, less the fraction, which prevails on the day prior to the receipt of deposits.

Consignments in order to be acceptable for purchase must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and contain approximately one-fourth of their weight in the precious metals. No allowance is made for platinum contained in deposits.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

March 3, 1931

National Carbon Company,
30 East 42nd Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith your voucher covering one hundred pounds of Resistor Carbon furnished this institution under my order No. 215 and have to request that you will kindly have the party who signed the certificate thereon place his title below his signature and return same to me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

March 3, 1931

Miss Garland Smith,
Walnut, Iowa.

Dear Miss Smith:

Answering your postal card of the 2nd instant, please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins hence has no information as to the value of old coins nor any literature for distribution pertaining to that subject.

Regarding your inquiry as to whether there were any five-cent nickel pieces coined in 1913, I have to say that this institution manufactured \$474,650.00 of such pieces and the combined coinage of the Mints of the United States amounted to \$3,682,961.95.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 4, 1931

First National Bank,
Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 2nd instant enclosing two mutilated quarter dollars and a piece of metal and have to advise that the Mint can purchase your two mutilated quarters, paying you for their bullion value which will be remitted you under separate cover.

In regard to the piece of metal I regret to say the Mint cannot purchase this owing to the fact that it would have to be received as a deposit of bullion and the minimum value of such deposits is limited to \$100.00. This piece of metal will be returned to you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 4, 1931

Dr. L. H. Siegel,
2003 Fourth Avenue South,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 1st instant, please be advised that deposits of bullion in order to be acceptable for purchase must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and contain approximately one-fourth of their weight in the precious metals. Your rings no doubt would comply with the latter requirement but I am in doubt as to their having an aggregate value of \$100.00 and should this also be your opinion, perhaps you can add enough dental gold in order that your deposit would have sufficient value for acceptance by the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 5, 1931

Mr. J. D. Adams,
P.O. Box 500,
Anniston, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 2nd instant which you state weighs about 8 ounces and has a value of about \$150.00, please be advised that upon receipt here your bullion weighs 8.85 troy ounces and like your previous consignment contains more or less mercury.

Under these conditions this consignment will probably fall below \$100.00 in value which is the minimum amount accepted for purchase and I have therefore to suggest that you send some additional gold to bring the value of your deposit up to \$100.

I am holding your shipment without treatment and have to request that you will advise me promptly as to your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 5, 1931

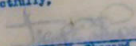
Fort Worth Smelting & Refining Company,
Fort Worth, Texas. 1318 Arcade Place.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 2nd instant consisting of two bars weighing upon receipt here 109.93 troy ounces instead of 120 ounces as stated by you, please be advised that a preliminary test of these bars indicates that their gross base metal content will exceed the maximum accepted for purchase and to render your deposit suitable for acceptance will require at least 5 ounces of sterling silver.

I am therefore holding your consignment without treatment and will thank you to advise me promptly of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 5, 1931

Melin-Roath Company,
La Junta, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of the 4th instant,
I have this day returned to you by express, collect, the
small consignment forwarded by you to this institution for
purchase.

Regretting my inability to be of service to
you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

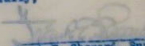
March 6, 1931

Mr. Robert P. Hyde,
Bonewah, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 2nd instant and regret to say that I am not in a position to give you any information regarding parties who would be interested in purchasing or leasing mining properties, the operations of this institution being confined exclusively to the manufacture of United States coin and hence has no contact with people who would be interested along the lines mentioned by you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 6, 1931

Dr. Oliver J. Fritsch,
Suite 200, 6378-A Delmar Boulevard,
University City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant I have to advise that the Mint will accept deposits of plated, filled and gold scrap when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, where the precious metal content is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit and it will not be necessary to separate the different lots.

Owing to the fact that plated and filled ware contain very little gold and a large amount of base metals, I would suggest that you add sufficient sterling silver or good gold to provide that your material will not have an excess of base metals.

I am enclosing a circular which may be of some assistance to you in making up consignments to the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

March 6, 1931

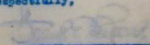
Railway Express Agency, Inc.,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have to advise that Congress has provided that four hours shall constitute a day's work on Saturdays for practically all Government institutions and this Mint will therefore close at 12 o'clock noon on that day beginning the 7th instant.

I would accordingly request that you kindly deliver any parcels you may have for the Mint as early as convenient on that day, the Mint being open for business from 8 to 12 o'clock. On other week days, the usual hours will prevail, namely, from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M., excepting on holidays.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 6, 1931

Mr. Morris Stark,
228 Linden Avenue,
Ithaca, New York.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of the 2nd instant, please be advised that under the regulations application for new coins must now be made to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject and would suggest that you request the Treasurer for such coins as you may desire.

I am returning your stamped envelope.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

March 6, 1931

Miss L. M. Delano,
610 Tenth Street,
Mt. Vernon, Washington

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 3rd instant and in reply have to advise that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner and under these circumstances I am unable to give you any information as to the value of the coins mentioned in your letter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:F

March 6, 1931

Mr. F. L. Tilton, Cashier,
Palisades National Bank,
Palisade, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 4th instant,
I have this day returned to you by registered mail the
small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for
purchase, using the 40¢ in coins enclosed with your let-
ter as follows:

Postage	16¢
Registry fee	15¢
Stamps enclosed	9¢

Regretting my inability to serve your client in
this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

March 6, 1931

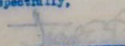
First National Bank,
Hagerman, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your inquiry of the 4th instant, I regret to say that the Mint cannot purchase your ounce of solid gold as no deposits are accepted having a value under \$100.

While the Mint does not recommend outside dealers nor assume any responsibility when any names are suggested to correspondents who desire to dispose of gold, I would suggest that you write to Carl Elmsrock, Mack Building, or Burlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, both of this city, who may purchase your gold from you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 6, 1931

Mr. Russell Barre,
125 Murray Avenue,
Washington, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 4th instant, I regret to advise you that the entire stock of one-cent bronze pieces of the coinage of 1922 has long since been exhausted and I am unable to advise you where you may now obtain any of these coins.

Regarding the 1930 one-cent piece, I have to advise that it will be necessary for you to make application therefor direct to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C. - a circular giving further information on this subject being herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T
Enclosure

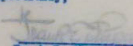
March 6, 1931

Mr. W. S. Huntley,
New Woodstock, New York.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 4th instant, I regret to advise you that the entire stock of one-cent bronze pieces of the coinage of 1922 has long since been exhausted and I am unable to advise you where you may now obtain any of these coins.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 4, 1931

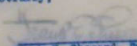
Edwards-Ludwig-Fuller Jewelry Company,
1113-S Walnut Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant, I have to advise that the Mint will purchase 14 and 18 karat solid gold watch cases when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information regarding the acceptance of deposits at the Mint and any additional information you may desire will be gladly furnished you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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March 6, 1931

Mr. Philip Michel,
WaKeeney, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your note of the 5th instant, I have to advise that the Mint is not equipped to make analyses of mineral bearing ore and if you have forwarded some here for that purpose and you desire its return, please send me the necessary postage and insurance for that purpose.

Reliable assays can be made for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, each sample, money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 6, 1931

Mrs. J. M. Pringle,
15 - 11th Avenue,
Dodge City, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your note on my recent letter to you, please be advised that the Mint's operations are confined exclusively to the purchase of gold and silver and the manufacture of coins therefrom and does not even assay mineral bearing specimens for these metals nor ores containing any of the precious stones. I would therefore be unable to pass judgment on the garnets contained in your piece of rock, nor give you any information as to their value or where you would be likely to dispose of your specimen.

As suggested in my previous letter, you could probably obtain the desired information by correspondence with some dealer in precious stones such as Arthur G. Pohndorf of this city.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 7, 1931

Mr. E. G. Dennis,
Wink, Texas. Box 223

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 3rd instant, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make analyses of mineral bearing sand or rock. Reliable work of this kind, however, can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold but you should write that office for information as to the cost of an assay for platinum. Money order for the proper amount must accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the samples you have forwarded here, kindly send me the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 7, 1931

Mrs. J. J. McAfee,
Erie, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant, please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins nor have any literature for distribution pertaining thereto.

Regretting my inability to be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 9, 1931

The First National Bank,
Attention: Mr. K. S. Rucker, Cashier,
Durango, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 5th instant
stating that you are enclosing 30¢ in stamps for the
return of your small consignment at this institution,
please be advised that the stamps were not found therewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 9, 1931

Mr. Charles T. Parsons,
Hugo, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant, I have to advise when correspondents send samples of ore to this institution for assay it is nearly always suggested to them to send their samples to the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, as the Mint does not do work of that kind.

It may be that Mr. Bassett requested his samples be forwarded to some assayer in Golden, Colorado, but the Mint would have no record of the transaction other than the receipt of the samples which at the request of the sender would returned to him or forwarded to some assayer designated by him. As the Mint does not keep a file of such matters, I am unable to advise you that Mr. Bassett's samples were even received here unless you could give me the approximate date they were forwarded.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 9, 1931

Kendis Jewelry Company,
214 South Ohio,
Sedalia, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your consignment order date of the 6th instant which weighed upon receipt here 19.06 troy ounces, I have to advise that it is doubtful if your consignment will have a value of \$100.00 which is the minimum amount received for purchase.

In order that your shipment may comply with our regulations, I would suggest that you send a sufficient amount of gold to add to this lot to insure its having a value of \$100.00 as required.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 9, 1931

Mountain Plains Companies, Inc.,
Boulder, Colorado. Bdx 296.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the outside but to date have not received from you a letter of advice concerning this deposit which is necessary before it may be entered on our books and paid for. Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 10, 1931

Mr. E. A. Phelps,
3156 Marion Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

In reference to your recent consignment at this institution I have to request that you will call at the Mint as your earliest convenience as I would like to see you in regard to that part of your deposit consisting of grains bought by you from a jeweler in Wyoming.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 10, 1931

Mr. W. L. Ward,
Saguache, Colorado.

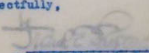
Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 8th instant, I have to advise that the dimensions and weights of gold and silver bars for export are made approximately as follows:

Gold - $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick,
Weight approximately 400 troy ounces;

Silver - $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick,
Weight approximately 1000 to 1200 troy ounces.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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March 10, 1931

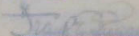
Mr. Philip Michel,
WaKeensy, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 7th instant,
I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the
ore forwarded by you to this institution for analysis, using
the 24¢ in postage enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	8¢
Insurance	5¢
Stamps returned	3¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

March 10, 1931

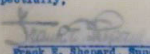
Miss Marjorie Nelson,
Elwood, Nebraska.

Dear Miss Nelson:

Answering your note of the 7th instant in regard to the burned coin in your possession, I have to say that if there is an appreciable loss of metal the Mint can only allow you for the bullion value.

I would suggest that you send these coins to the Mint for examination and you will be promptly advised as to what the regulations will permit in regard to reimbursing you for them.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 11, 1931

Mrs. Leah M. Scheib,
Douglas, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 8th instant in regard to your deposit at this institution which arrived after writing you on the 7th of February, last, relative to the platinum which you state is included therein.

I have examined the various pieces of metal comprising your consignment and am unable to find the one which you have in mind as being platinum but if you will describe it to me so that I can identify it, I will return it to you.

Upon examining your material I find that it consists largely of low grade gold and silver and regret to say it does not appear to contain a value of \$100.00 which is the very minimum amount received for purchase by the Mint. If you have any karat gold which you could send to be added to this lot to increase the value of your deposit to the required amount, I will be glad to have you do so, otherwise I would suggest that you authorize me to return your material to you or turn it over to some bullion dealer for purchase with instructions to make returns direct to you, provided, of course, you have no other means of disposing of it.

At the request of other depositors we have occasionally de-

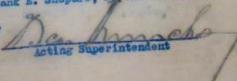
livered to Carl Blaurock, Mack Building, or Burlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, this city, small consignments which fall below the minimum in value, but the Mint does not accept any responsibility for the returns received nor recommend any outside dealers and simply suggests such dealers as a matter of accommodation to depositors.

If you wish me to turn over your bullion of one of the dealers suggested, kindly designate the one you prefer and I will be glad to do so, or I will return your bullion to you by express, collect, or by parcel post upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

March 11, 1931

Miss Mabel R. Schmidt, Assistant Cashier,
The American State Bank,
Hill City, Kansas,

Dear Madam:

Referring to your letter of the 9th instant inclosing fragment of a \$1.00 bill, please be advised that fragments of paper currency are redeemed only by the Treasurer of the United States under the conditions contained in the enclosed circular. I would suggest that you read same carefully and if you wish to comply therewith that you supply the affidavit required.

The fragment enclosed with your letter, also your stamped envelope, are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

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March 12, 1931

Commercial National Bank,
Bozeman, Montana.

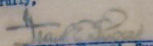
Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 9th instant weighing upon receipt here 6.32 troy ounces, I regret to say that the Mint cannot purchase this material as the regulations do not permit the acceptance of deposits for purchase having a value under \$100.00. It is also necessary that the mercury in such deposits be completely driven off before being forwarded to the Mint.

If you can send enough additional material to be added to this shipment to bring its value up to the required amount, however, it will be accepted in this instance. Kindly advise me of your wishes in this matter.

I am enclosing a circular which may be of some assistance to you in making up deposits for the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

March 12, 1931

Miss Eulah Solomon,
Maxwell, Nebraska.

Dear Miss Solomon:

Answering your letter of the 10th instant I have to advise that the Mints do not deal in old coins nor pay a premium thereon, hence is not collecting five-cent nickel pieces of 1913 coinage.

All five-cent nickel pieces manufactured during the year 1913 were of the buffalo design.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 12, 1931

Mr. M. S. Larsen,
La Junta, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your deposit of the 11th instant, please be advised that upon receipt here your material weighs 14.50 troy ounces instead of 15 ounces as invoiced by you.

I am holding your material without treatment and will thank you to advise me promptly if the weight as found here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 12, 1931

Mr. R. V. Fite, Assistant Cashier,
Wichita State Bank & Trust Company,
Wichita Falls, Texas.

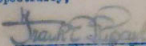
Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant I have to advise that any one having gold for sale may forward same to the Mint for payment by check or coin when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the pure gold content is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Deposits should be forwarded with transportation charges prepaid.

I am enclosing a circular which will no doubt be of some assistance to you in forwarding deposits to this institution.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

March 12, 1931

Mr. Otto A. Riesinger,
217 Calumet Building,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter of the 9th instant, please be advised that deposits of gold and silver bullion at the United States Mint must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and contain at least one-fifth of their weight in the precious metals. Deposits of silver must contain an appreciable amount of gold. Such deposits may consist of jewelry scrap, filings and sweeps with all foreign substances removed. Gold filled scrap and filled watchcases contain very little gold and as stated above deposits consisting of such material must be accompanied by a sufficient amount of pure gold or silver to comply with the requirement that deposits shall have at least one-fifth of their weight in the precious metals. The Mint does not sell silver in any form.

I am enclosing a circular for your further information regarding deposits at the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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March 12, 1931

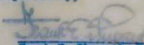
First National Bank,
Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your instructions I have this day returned to you by registered mail the piece of metal forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using the postage furnished by you as follows:

Postage	8¢
Registry fee	15¢
Stamp returned	2¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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March 12, 1931

Mr. J. W. Powell,
Virginia-Blue Ridge Railway,
Union Trust Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter addressed to the Bureau of Mint, Salt Lake City, Utah, has been forwarded to this institution - the correct address of the government assay office in that city being the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah. I have accordingly readdressed your letter to that office.

Your samples have not been received by this Mint but they may have been delivered to the assay office above referred to.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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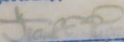
March 13, 1931

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I am herewith returning non-reimbursable voucher
in amount \$20.04 covering the twelve pairs of asbestos
sleeves furnished by you for the use of this institution.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

March 13, 1931

Kendis Jewelry Company,
Sedalia, Missouri. 214 South Ohio.

Gentlemen

Complying with request contained in your letter of the 6th instant, I have this day returned to you by express, collect, the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this institution for purchase.

Regretting my inability to assist you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

March 13, 1931

Mr. E. A. Goodhue,
1500 Pine Street,
Rolla, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of recent date and regret to advise you that our entire stock of one-cent bronze pieces of the coinage of 1922 has long since been exhausted and I am therefore unable to comply with your request.

Your stamped envelope is herewith returned.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

March 13, 1931

Mr. E. A. Goodhue,
1300 Pine Street,
Holla, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of recent date and regret to advise you that our entire stock of one-cent bronze pieces of the coinage of 1922 has long since been exhausted and I am therefore unable to comply with your request.

Your stamped envelope is herewith returned.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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March 14, 1931

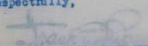
Mrs. Ora B. Medley,
Colony, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your inquiry of the 11th instant,
I have to say that each Mint manufactures all denomina-
tions of metallic money and the manufacture of no one de-
nomination is confined to any one Mint.

All paper currency is made at the United States
Bureau of Engraving & Printing at Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 14, 1931

Miss Olive U. Carr,
Brighton Public Schools,
Brighton, Colorado.

Dear Miss Carr:

I have your letter of the 11th instant and regret to say that the Mint has been closed indefinitely to visitors and under these circumstances I am not in a position to accede to your request as much as I should be glad to comply.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

March 14, 1931

Miss Jessie Warren,
1335 Christy Avenue,
Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Miss Warren:

Your letter of March 11th has been received and I would gladly send you a picture of the Mint but no literature or pictures of any kind are distributed by the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Stamp returned

March 14, 1931

Mrs. Emma S. Ball,
Surface Division,
Bureau of Engraving & Printing,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 11th instant and have to say that in the matter of transfers it is necessary, of course, that a vacancy occur both at the point from which the transfer is desired and in the office to which one is transferred. In other words it is an exchange between two individuals.

At the present time there are no vacancies in this institution nor do I know of any one here who wishes to be transferred to Washington and thus make an exchange with you.

Regretting that I cannot be of assistance to you,

I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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March 14, 1931

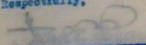
Dr. L. H. Siegel,
2005 Fourth Avenue South,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 16th instant, please be advised that the only way the value contained in your rings could be determined would be to have a bullion assay made of them which would cost you \$4.00. These rings could then be combined with your dental scrap and a memorandum sent you of the value of each lot. One check, however, would have to be issued in payment as the two lots would have the status of one deposit.

Please advise me regarding your wishes in the matter and if you desire an assay of the rings, forward a money order for \$4.00 as this charge cannot be deducted from the proceeds of your deposit.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 14, 1931

Dr. H. P. Suffield,
Gage, Oklahoma.

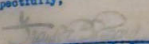
Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 12th instant, I have to advise that the Mint will buy gold scrap and dental gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100. and where the pure gold content is equal to at least one fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits, deducting therefrom, of course, the Mint's charges for treatment which consist of \$1.00 for melting and a nominal treatment charge varying according to amount of base metal contained in deposits.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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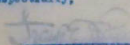
March 14, 1931

Federal Securities Company of Texas,
709 First National Bank Building,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant, I have to advise that it was necessary to hold your shipment of February 26th for the account of the Fort Worth Smelting & Refining Company until the latter could forward additional material to be added to that lot. Check in payment for the two lots was forwarded by registered mail on March 10th and I have no doubt has reached you by this time.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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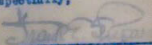
March 14, 1931

The First National Bank,
Kalispell, Montana.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 10th instant forwarding a gold nugget weighing upon receipt here 1.94 troy ounces and have to advise that the Mint does not accept for purchase deposits having a value under \$100. It would require at least four troy ounces of similar material to bring your deposit up to the required value and if you can forward this additional gold, I should be glad to have you do so, otherwise I have to request that you will send me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your nugget to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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March 14, 1931

The First National Bank,
Attention: Mr. K. S. Rucker, Cashier,
Durango, Colorado.

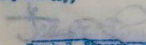
Gentlemen:

I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post your small amount of gold, using the 30¢ in postage forwarded by you as follows,

Postage	8¢
Insurance	10¢
Stamps herewith	12¢

Regretting my inability to be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

March 14, 1931

Mr. E. G. Dennis,
Wink, Texas. Box 223

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 11th instant,
I have this day returned to you by uninsured parcel post
the samples of ore forwarded by you to this Mint for an-
alysis, using the money order for 15¢ enclosed with your
letter as follows:

Postage 12¢
Stamps enclosed 3¢

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

March 16, 1931

Mr. Elmer S. Smith,
1929 South Gilpin Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I have been advised by the Chief of Division of Appointments, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., that you have been granted an annuity of \$999.96 per annum, commencing January 1, 1931. Perhaps you have already received this information, but as I have just received this notice I thought I would advise you.

I trust you are feeling well and will add that all your friends here send you their good wishes.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 16, 1931

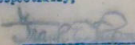
Mr. Ralph E. Cutler,
740 Seneca Street,
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Replying to your request for one-cent bronze pieces of the coinage of 1922, I regret to advise you that our entire stock of these coins has long since been exhausted.

I am returning herewith the two dimes enclosed with your letter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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March 16, 1931

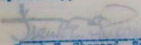
Mr. W. E. Strang,
Sparta, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant, please be advised that the Mint will accept deposits of gold dust, when practically from from sand, having a minimum value of \$100.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information relative to making deposits at the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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March 16, 1931

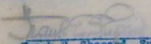
Southwestern Jewelry Company,
124 East Douglas Avenue,
Wichita, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 11th instant and accompanying consignment of silver and regret to advise you that I cannot purchase this bullion from you as the Mint does not accept deposits having a value under \$100.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your silver will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank B. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 16, 1931

Mr. I. H. Russell,
P. O. Box 236,
Wink, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, I have to advise that if your bullion assays 974.430 kilos silver and 780.00 grams gold per ton of 1000 kilos, the gold content would not be sufficient to render this bullion acceptable for purchase by the Mint - the regulations requiring that silver bullion shall contain at least one full assay point of gold out of a possible 1000, instead of 78/100ths or 3/4ths of a point which your bullion now apparently contains judging from the assay stated by you. Bullion with less than one full assay point of gold is classed as silver bullion and the Mint is not in the market for any such bullion at the present time.

For the past two or three years severe restrictions have been imposed by the Treasury Department on the acceptance by the Mints of Mexican gold and satisfactory affidavits are necessary before such bullion may be accepted for purchase.

It is necessary that an affidavit be furnished certifying as to the source from which the bullion has been obtained and that it has not been stolen; that the vendor has legal title thereto and giving absolute warranty of title to such bullion to the United States Government and state that he is offering it

for sale to the Mint on his own behalf and not for the account of any other person or persons. Warranties of title executed by residents of Mexico cannot be accepted.

Affidavits must be signed by a responsible person residing within the United States. Affidavits by corporations must be executed by an officer thereof who should recite in the affidavit that he has been duly authorized to execute it and furnish a copy of such authority. Affidavits by partnerships should be executed by a member of the firm, who should show in affidavit that firm is a partnership and that he is a member of the firm.

It is also necessary that a certified copy of the Port of Entry Permit be furnished, showing that the bullion has been properly declared to the United States Customs officials.

These requirements are necessary as regards each deposit and each deposit must have a minimum value of \$100.

The Mint never recommends outside dealers nor am I in a position to furnish you with any information as to import or export duties or treatment charges; information concerning the latter, however, could probably be obtained by you from the Golden Cycle Corporation, Colorado Springs, Colorado, which operates a reduction plant in that city.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

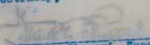
March 16, 1931

Mr. W. E. McDonald,
Washongal, Washington, Rt. No., Box 116.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 13th instant, I have to advise that the Mint is not equipped to make analyses of mineral bearing specimens, but reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, each sample, money order for the proper amount payable to that office to accompany your samples.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 16, 1931

Mrs. May Reynolds,
Pittsburg, Kansas. R.R.No.2

Dear Madam:

With reference to your letter of the 13th instant forwarding a few gold nuggets for purchase by the Mint, please be advised that deposits of bullion in order to be acceptable for purchase must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and under these conditions I am unable to accept your nuggets.

If you can send the necessary amount to bring your shipment up to the required value, I would be very glad to have you do so, otherwise I have to request that you will kindly send me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of these nuggets to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 16, 1921

Commercial National Bank,
Bozeman, Montana.

Attention: Mr. J.H. Baker

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 14th instant and as requested by you your small shipment will be held until you are able to make an additional consignment to bring your deposit up to the required amount.

I am enclosing the circular relative to deposits at the Mint which I regret to note was inadvertently omitted from my previous letter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

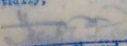
March 17, 1931

Gunnison Bank & Trust Company,
Gunnison, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 16th instant with reference to your deposit at this institution and have to advise that the card forwarded you sometime ago for information as to the source from which your bullion has been obtained has not been received at this institution and I am therefore enclosing another card with the request that you kindly supply the information requested thereon and return same to me promptly when your bullion will be treated and returns forwarded you without delay.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

March 17, 1931

Mr. E. D. Pratt,
Tekamah, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of recent date and I appreciate your desire to obtain new coins but regret to say that the Mint can distribute new money only through the Federal Reserve Bank or its branches.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Acting Superintendent

OH:T

March 18, 1931

Mrs. Arthur J. Hudson,
Holbrook, Arizona.

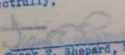
Dear Madam:

I have your inquiry of the 16th instant and in reply have to advise that the Mint will buy gold jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the precious metal content is equal to at least one fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Enclosed you will find circular which will give you further information on the subject of making deposits at the Mint.

Your stamps are returned herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosures

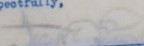
March 20, 1931

First National Bank,
Kalispell, Montana

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 17th instant in regard to the return to you of your small consignment at this institution and have to advise that the 30¢ in stamps which you intended to enclose were not found with your letter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

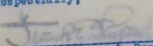
March 20, 1931

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your
voucher-check No. 6335, in amount \$1.40, covering commission
on collection from telephone booth Main-9972 for the period
February 10, 1931 to March 11, 1931.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 20, 1931

Dr. H. F. Suffield,
Gage, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 18th instant and have to advise that the dental bridges forwarded by you weigh upon receipt here 15.21 troy ounces instead of 16.63 troy ounces (7980 grains) and the crowns weigh 6.92 troy ounces instead of 7.63 (3660 grains) as stated by you.

As the difference between your weight and that received at the Mint amounts to 2.13 troy ounces, I have to request that you will advise me if the weight as received here is satisfactory and I am holding your consignment without treatment pending the receipt of this information.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

March 20, 1931

Mr. Albert Newman,
923 Rose Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment under date of the 16th instant and have to advise that this material will undoubtedly fall below \$100.00 in value which is the minimum amount accepted for purchase.

Deposits of material of this kind should not be less than 7 ounces in order to have the required value and I would therefore suggest that you send approximately 2 ounces more of similar material to be added to this shipment.

Kindly advise me of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepley, Superintendent

CH:T

March 21, 1931

Mr. Edward Bruen,
19 East 83rd Street,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 16th in regard to new coins, I have to advise that under the present regulations all applications for new coins must be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C. in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed circular, which please read carefully.

Your stamps (6¢) are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosures

March 21, 1931

Mrs. May Reynolds,
Pittsburg, Kansas. R.R. No.2

Dear Madam:

Complying with your request of the 15th instant,
I have this day returned to you by registered mail the gold
nuggets forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using
the 25¢ enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	8¢
Registry fee	15¢
Stamp returned	2¢

Regretting my inability to assist you in this
matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

March 23, 1931

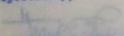
Mr. William J. Comb,
Mammoth, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 19th instant, I have to advise that if your gold will have a value of at least \$100.00 and is practically free from the ore from which it has been extracted, the Mint will purchase it.

In forwarding this bullion to the Mint, please state the source from which it has been obtained.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 23, 1931

Mr. Tony Frits,
Rapid City, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 19th instant, I have to advise that the Mint does not deal in old coins and I am therefore unable to give you any information regarding the piece to which you refer.

I may add, however, that the United States has not coined a 50¢ gold piece and the so-called coin which you have is probably a souvenir.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

March 23, 1931

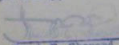
Mr. Roy B. Brightbill,
237 West Main Street,
Hummelstown, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of March 19th enclosing money order has been received and in reply I regret to say that our entire stock of bronze pieces of 1922 coinage is entirely exhausted, in fact, none of these coins have been on hand for a number of years.

Your money order is returned herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

Enclosure

March 23, 1931

Mrs. Leah M. Scheib,
Douglas, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 20th instant and in reply would say that I will hold your gold for a reasonable time in order that you may send an additional quantity to increase its value to \$100.00 unless you prefer that the material which you have already forwarded be turned over to some local dealer.

I am unable to advise you as to the approximate value of the bullion I am now holding and would therefore suggest that you send as much as possible in order that it may comply with the regulations of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

March 23, 1931

Mr. H. L. Moore, Cashier,
First National Bank,
Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant enclosing affidavit covering your consignment of Mexican pesos and am returning same herewith with the information that it is necessary in offering Mexican gold for sale to the Mint that affiants state they have been duly authorized to offer said gold for sale. I would therefore suggest that your affidavit be amended substantially as follows:

"That these affiants were specifically authorized by the Board of Directors of said Bank at a meeting held to warrant title and to sell to the United States Mexican gold purchased by it as set out herein and that certified copy of such resolutions has been forwarded to the United States Mint at Denver for filing."

Upon receipt of amended affidavit covering this requirement and a copy of the resolutions in question, your Mexican gold will be entered for purchase.

I am enclosing several copies of Form 104b to be used as a letter of transmittal in forwarding gold to the Mint but in all cases where such consignments consist of Mexican gold, each shipment must be accompanied by an affidavit as in the present instance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

March 23, 1931

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Enclosed please find corrected abstract of official record of James E. Hall, formerly employed at this institution which evidences his temporary employment at this institution from October 15, 1917, to March 31, 1918, this record of temporary employment having been inadvertently overlooked in preparing the abstract recently furnished you.

Regretting any inconvenience this change may cause you, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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Enclosure

March 24, 1931

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

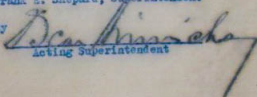
Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your remittance of 77¢ covering commission on collection from telephone booth Ke-9725 for the period February 10, 1931, to March 11, 1931.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OK:T

March 24, 1931

Mr. A. V. E. Carter,
Elk Point, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

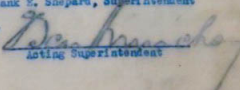
I have your note of the 24th instant and in reply have to advise that the Mint does not sell gold in lots of less than \$5,000, and does not sell silver or copper in any quantity. One troy ounce of pure gold is worth \$20.67.

Your stamped envelope is herewith returned.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OH:F
Enclosure

March 25, 1931

Mr. Walter Tadlock,
American Falls, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 22nd instant, please be advised that deposits containing quicksilver are not acceptable at the Mint and should be retorted before forwarding here for purchase.

In this connection, I have to advise that all deposits must contain a minimum value of \$100.00 and have approximately one-fourth of their weight in the precious metals.

I am enclosing a circular which will probably be of some assistance to you in making shipments to the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

March 25, 1951

Windsor Soap Company,
Buffalo, New York.

Gentlemen:

On the 20th instant I received from you through the General Supply Committee at Washington, D.C., six cartons of tar soap with memo from the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad that shipment was made on Government bill of lading No. 112674.

As the original and duplicate of said bill of lading have not been received at this office, I have to request that you will forward same to me at your earliest convenience in order that I may deliver the original to the transportation company as a voucher on which it may collect its charges. Your prompt attention will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

March 25, 1931

Mr. E. R. Thornton,
Savannah, Missouri. R.R. No. 7

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 23rd instant, please
be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any
manner hence has no literature pertaining thereto for dis-
tribution.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

B. E. Branch
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

March 25, 1931

Krigel Jewelry Company,
Linwood & Troost,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 24th instant I have to advise that the minimum value of deposits received for purchase is \$100. If you have sufficient gold filled cases, etc., to add to your old gold which will give the mass a minimum value of \$100.00 the Mint will purchase your material, provided, the pure gold content is equal to approximately one-fourth of the weight of the deposit, it being necessary that deposits have at least 200 assay parts in the precious metals out of a possible 1000.

Enclosed you will find a circular which doubtless will give you some help in preparing your shipments for the Mint.

Your stamped envelope is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank R. Shepard, Superintendent

[Signature]
Acting Superintendent

CH:T
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March 25, 1931

Dr. Wayne Clark,
1026 Donaghey Building,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

I have to advise that I have received a shipment under your name but to date have not received from you a letter of advice concerning this deposit and as no shipments are entered on our books and paid for without such a letter, I have to request that you will write me promptly regarding this consignment.

In this connection, I have also to state that it appears that your material will closely approximate \$100.00 and as that amount is the minimum received for purchase, I would suggest that if it is convenient you send a small quantity of additional material to be added thereto thus leaving no doubt concerning your shipment having the required value.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent,

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Acting Superintendent

CH:T

March 25, 1931

The Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

To enable me to meet the expenditures of this institution for the month of April, I have to request that you will kindly cause a requisition to be drawn upon the Secretary of the Treasury against the amount allotted this institution for the fiscal year 1931 in the following amount, with which I am to be held accountable under my bond dated January 26, 1928:

Salaries and Expenses - \$16,000.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OH:T

March 26, 1931

Mr. Albert W. Siegel,
227 West 3rd Street,
Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 23rd instant weighing upon receipt here 133.84 troy ounces, I have to advise that in view of the large amount of gold filled jewelry scrap contained in this deposit, I am doubtful if it will contain 200 assay parts of the precious metals out of a possible 1000, and should I proceed to treat this material and find that it falls below this requirement, your deposit would have to be rejected and such charges imposed as may be incurred up to the time of its rejection. To avoid this expense to you, I would suggest that you send about 10 ounces of sterling silver to be added to this material in order that its precious metal content will meet the requirements of the Mint.

Kindly advise me of your wishes at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Donna M. Nichols
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

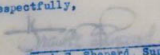
March 26, 1931

Mr. J. M. Raby,
Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of the 23rd instant, I regret to say that the Mint cannot purchase your small piece of gold weighing about three ounces as it would not have a value of \$100.00 which is the minimum amount the Mine may accept for purchase.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

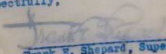
March 26, 1931

Southwestern Jewelry Company,
124 East Douglas Avenue,
Wichita, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 23rd instant enclosing 20¢ for the return to you of your consignment of silver at this institution and have to advise that as the postage thereon would amount to 16¢ there is not enough left to place any insurance on this shipment and the Mint has no fund from which such expense could be met. I would therefore suggest that you send such additional postage as may be required to cover the insurance you desire placed thereon.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 26, 1931

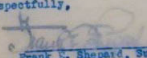
Mr. Theo. Bergman
P.O. Box 28, Station L
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of the 23rd instant requesting a circular on coins minted at Denver and in reply have to say that the Mint does not issue printed matter of that kind, nor do you say what year or years you desire such information to cover.

During the present calendar year one-cent bronze pieces and the double eagle have been manufactured at this Mint, application for any of which must be made to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., as per the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

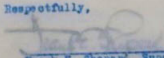
March 26, 1931

Mr. M. O. Rathbun,
Harper, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 23rd instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not issue any literature whatever pertaining to mining nor as I advised where such information could be obtained.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Stamped envelope returned.

March 27, 1931

First National Bank,
Kalispell, Montana.

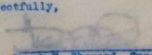
Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of the 23rd instant,
I have this day returned to you by registered mail the
gold magnet forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using
the 30¢ in postage enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	6¢
Registration	15¢
Stamps returned	9¢

Regretting my inability to be of service to you
in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

March 27, 1931

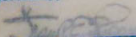
First National Bank,
O'Donnell, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 4th instant with reference to a nugget of metal received under separate cover and have to advise that a preliminary test of this metal discloses that it is practically all copper and therefore unsuitable for purchase by the Mint.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance this nugget will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

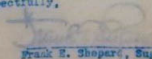
March 27, 1931

Mrs. E. C. Vahldick,
Westcliffe, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of your note and specimens and regret to say the Mint cannot be of any assistance to you in disposing of your pieces of gold and quartz owing to the fact that it is necessary that all deposits have a value of at least \$100.00 and be in suitable form for treatment by the Mint. This latter condition would have particular reference to your quartz specimens and upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your consignment will be promptly returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

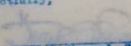
March 27, 1931

Mr. O. W. Brehmer,
5722 Broomall Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

As requested by you in your letter of the 24th instant I have indicated on the sheet enclosed by you the dates of the coinage at this institution of the various denominations concerning which you desire information and am returning the sheet to you herewith together with your stamped and addressed envelope.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosures

March 28, 1931

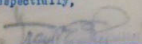
Mr. William J. Combe,
Mammoth, Utah.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th instant and under separate cover your gold buttons which weigh upon receipt here 15.04 troy ounces and have to advise that the Mint will purchase this consignment if you so desire.

In view of the fact that you state in your letter you are forwarding these buttons for inspection, I have to request that before I proceed to treat same you advise me if you desire the Mint to purchase them.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 30, 1931

Mr. G. Clyde Harding,
Secretary, Cienega Mining Company,
420 Roberts-Banner Building,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

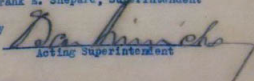
Referring to your consignment received this morning through the State National Bank, El Paso, its collection No. 57625, please be advised that in view of the fact that warranties of title executed by citizens of Mexico are not acceptable when covering deposits of Mexican gold at the Mint, I have to request that your affidavit, which is returned herewith, be amended as noted thereon in pencil, provided, of course, the suggested amendments are in accordance with the facts.

Upon receipt of an affidavit containing the information requested, I will proceed to treat your bullion.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T
cc to State National Bank, El Paso.

March 30, 1931

Miss Doris Harrell,
606 Avenue A,
Denton, Texas.

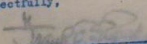
Dear Miss Harrell:

Replying to your note of the 28th instant, please be advised that the Mint does not have for distribution any pamphlets or literature pertaining to coinage operations.

I may say, however, that all metallic money is manufactured at the Mints which are located at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco; while all paper currency is manufactured at the United States Bureau of Engraving & Printing at Washington, D. C.

All gold and silver coins contain 900 parts of their respective metals and 100 parts copper as an alloy. The five-cent nickel piece contains 75% copper and 25% nickel and the one-cent bronze piece contains 95% copper and 5% tin and zinc.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

March 30, 1931

Master Harold Grieves
163 M Street,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Master Grieves:

Replying to your note of the 28th instant, please be advised that the Mint does not have for distribution any pamphlets or literature pertaining to coinage operations.

I may say, however, that all metallic money is manufactured at the Mints which are located at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco; while all paper currency is manufactured at the United States Bureau of Engraving & Printing at Washington, D.C.

All gold and silver coins contain 900 parts of their respective metals and 100 parts copper as an alloy. The five-cent nickel piece contains 75% copper and 25% nickel and the one-cent bronze piece contains 95% copper and 5% tin and zinc.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OH:T

March 30, 1931

Mr. M. F. Goldberg,
6536 Loomis Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois.

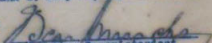
Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 27th instant requesting that the silver contained in your recent deposit be returned you in fine silver bars and I regret to say that payment for this deposit was forwarded you on the 27th instant under which circumstances I am unable to comply with your request.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

March 30, 1931

Meyer Jewelry Company,
Twelfth & Walnut Streets,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter and consignment of the 26th instant and have to say that the aggregate weight of your consignment upon receipt here is 474.45 troy ounces instead of 518.00 ounces as stated by you.

Owing to this discrepancy in weight I have to request that you will advise me promptly if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

D. C. Kinrich
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

March 30, 1931

Krigel Jewelry Company,
Linwood & Troost,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 27th instant, please be advised that upon receipt of your material I find that you have 52.41 troy ounces of filled and scrap material and 6.83 troy ounces of fairly good gold but it does not appear that the combined value contained in these lots will equal \$100.00 nor comply with our regulations that consignments approximate one-fourth of their weight in the precious metals.

To comply with this latter requirement, I would suggest that you send at least 15 ounces of sterling silver to offset the large amount of base metal contained in your deposit, and a small amount of good gold to increase its value to at least \$100. I am holding your deposit until further advised by you in the matter.

The Mint does not make any allowance for platinum contained in deposits nor undertake to return same to depositors as the small amount of platinum which may be contained

in deposits is not recovered until the metal has passed through the refinery, which is not done at the time payment is made.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dean H. Shepard
Acting Superintendent

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March 31, 1931

Mr. William Michalski,
Perham, Minnesota. Box 236.

Dear Sir:

Mr. D. C. Millison, Information Editor of Capper's Farmer, Topeka, Kansas, has referred to me your inquiry regarding the deposit at the United States Mint of copper and the receipt therefor of one-cent bronze pieces to be made from said copper.

Answering your inquiry, I have to advise that the Mint does not accept copper deposits of any description, deposits being limited to gold and silver.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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cc to Mr. D.O. Millison
Topeka, Kansas.

March 31, 1931

Dr. L. H. Siegel,
2003 Fourth Avenue South,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

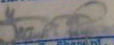
Answering your letter of the 26th instant, I have to advise that the rings forwarded by you to this institution and of which a special assay was made for you to determine their gold and silver content and which were later combined with your dental scrap, had a gold content of 199 $\frac{1}{2}$ thousandths assay parts of pure gold out of a possible 1000, and 110 thousandths silver out of a possible 1000 - the gold value being \$17.45 and silver 13¢ or a total of \$17.58.

The proportion of the Mint's charges which this material should bear would be approximately 62¢, leaving a net balance due party to whom the rings belonged of \$16.96.

Answering your postscript - "Does the fineness determine the value of the gold?" Please note from the above paragraph that the fineness is the actual pure gold content found in the metal. These rings were mostly base metal as you will note from the fineness. They were less than 5 karats pure.

Trusting this is the information you desire, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

April 1, 1931

Southwestern Jewelry Company,
124 East Douglas Avenue,
Wichita, Kansas.

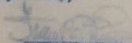
Gentlemen:

Complying with your request I have this day returned to you by insured mail the consignment of silver forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, having used the 25¢ in postage furnished by you as follows:

Postage	16¢
Insurance	8¢
Stamp returned	1¢

Regretting my inability to assist you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

April 1, 1931

Messrs. Martin, Callaway & Burke,
Attention: Mr. William Burke,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 30th ultimo and in reply thereto have to advise that the Mint will accept gold deposits when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the precious metal content is equal to approximately one-fourth of the weight of the deposit.

If you contemplate sending placer gold, please have as much of the sand removed as possible. Returns are usually made the second or third day after the receipt of deposits and such consignments as you may forward here will have my prompt attention.

In order to comply with the regulations of the Treasury Department, I have to request that you will supply on the enclosed source-of-production card the information indicated thereon as it is necessary that the Mint keep an accurate record of the source of all deposits.

I am also enclosing a few copies of Form 104b which may be used as a letter of advice when making shipments, one of which must accompany each consignment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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Enclosures

April 1, 1931

Dr. Wayne Clark,
1026 Donaghey Building,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

As anticipated in my letter to you of the 25th ultimo, your deposit has been found to contain less than \$100.00 in value after being melted and treated and I have to advise that it has accordingly been rejected and a melting charge of \$1.00 imposed thereon which you will please remit by money order at your earliest convenience.

I would suggest that you send about \$10.00 more of good material to be added to this bar if you desire to reenter it as a deposit but before that can be done the mint charges above stated will have to be paid.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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April 2, 1931

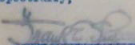
First National Bank,
O'Donnell, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request, I have this day returned to you by insured mail the nugget of metal forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using the 25¢ in postage furnished by you as follows:

Postage	3¢
Insurance	8¢
Stamps returned	17¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

April 2, 1931

Mrs. E. C. Vahldick,
Westcliffe, Colorado. Box 49

Dear Madam:

I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the specimens of gold and quartz forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase using the two dimes furnished by you as follows:

Postage	8¢
Insurance	8¢
Stamps herewith	4¢

I regret that I am unable to give you any information as to where you could have these specimens treated.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

Enclosure

April 2, 1931

National Electrical Supply Company,
1330 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find my formal order No. 272 for Three No. 17, 15-volt, DC, 6-inch gongs at \$7.95 each, this being the price quoted in your letter of the 20th ultimo. You will also find enclosed Government bill of lading No. T-42917 to be used in shipping these gongs to the Mint, the original of which should be signed by the transportation company and then returned to me by you with duplicate copy.

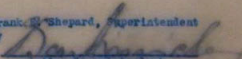
As my former order for these gongs, No. 251, could not be filled as a purchase under the General Schedule of Supplies which covers only gongs of much less voltage, I have to request that you will kindly return this former order to me together with the Government bill of lading No. T-42916 attached thereto which provides for the shipment of the gongs from Washington, D.C.

I have also to request that you advise me of the official title of R. W. Ware, whose signature is affixed to your letter quoting the price on the gongs which I have now ordered - the Department requiring that proposals have the title of the officer who signs same.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

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April 2, 1931

Mr. P. J. Haas,
709 Medical and Dental Arts Building,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

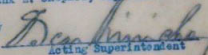
Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 30th ultimo,
please be advised that the Mint does not sell gold in
lots of less than \$5000 and does not sell nickel, silver
or copper in any quantity.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

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April 2, 1931

Mr. George F. Dayton,
Special Agent, Mine Owners' Association,
1258 Downing Street, Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Dayton:

With reference to your request for a transcript of our record of daily deposits for the past two or three years, please be advised that while in all matters I am willing to comply with any consistent request, I feel in this instance that it would be impossible to comply therewith.

As you know, you have access to our records and when any deposits are received concerning which we have any doubts, you are requested to visit the Mint and make the necessary investigation regarding the legitimacy of such deposits and if you have any particular individual concerning whom you desire information, I should be very glad to assist as far as possible.

I may say in conclusion that under no circumstances would such a transcript be furnished to any one outside the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

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